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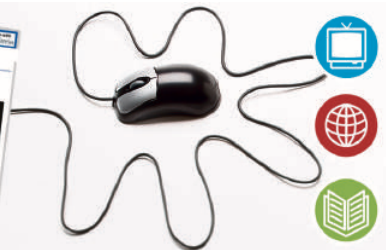
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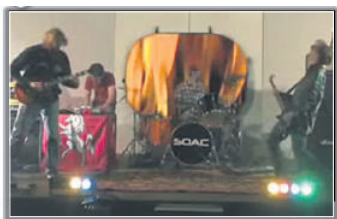
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## WAVE FAREWELL TO THE TOP

Kent's rollercoaster season ended on Saturday with the bitter taste of a heavy defeat and relegation from the County Championship Division One – for the first time in the club's history. Just a week after fighting for the title, Rob Key's men were hammered by Durham at the St Lawrence and paid the price. However, there was some good news. Selectors named Joe Denly, Robbie Joseph, Rob Key and Amjad Khan in a 15-man England Performance Programme squad to tour India in November and December, acting as back-up to the England team. **FULL STORY – SEE SPORT 46-47.**

BY GARETH ARNOLD

## MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

OUR district's most vulnerable people are being put at risk due to a chronic shortage in the number of volunteer workers – and you can help.

This week Yourcanterbury is launching our Make The Difference campaign, exploring the issues surrounding volunteering and highlighting the opportunities on offer.

We have teamed up with leading charities including the NSPCC, the Samaritans and Citizens Advice to encourage more volunteers to give their time so the district's charities can continue providing crucial services.

And we are calling on YOU, your family and friends to give your valuable time to help vulnerable groups and make a real difference.

We urge you to consider sparing just a few hours a week, whether you're 16 or 66, to help enrich the lives of others and our society.

We want you to Make The Difference. The call comes as charities are having trouble replacing volunteers as older members leave.

NSPCC manager Anna Keir said: "Many volunteers have supported us for decades but there has been a lack of younger people replacing them."

Age Concern recruiter Gill Ball said: "With more charities trying to recruit support, the competition is increasingly fierce."

Change that today. It's time for YOU to Make The Difference.

Turn to page 3 for a full list of our partners, the opportunities available and how you can get in touch with them today.

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# 'Conditional' £70m art offer refused by cathedral

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

**CANTERBURY** Cathedral bosses have turned down the offer of a mysterious triptych purported to be worth a staggering £70 million.

The work was offered to the cathedral by a reclusive artist named Kongthin Pearlman last month, and the cathedral board spent nearly two weeks deliberating before coming to a final decision last Friday.

A spokesman said: "There was a list of conditions attached to the offer, one of which was that we had to display it for a year. If after this year we wanted to sell it, the artist retained the right to take it back, so we would not necessarily have got any money from the sale."

## Unknown

"And even if the sale had gone through, we would only have got a third of the proceeds as the artist stipulated it must go to two other unnamed charities as well."

The offer, which the cathedral say they are treating as genuine, was made by representatives of the artist, who seems to be unknown in the art world by critics and experts – leading some observers to suggest the whole thing has been an elaborate hoax.

If so, it is a cruel trick to play as the cathedral is currently trying to raise £50m to fund vital restoration work.

Specialists at auction houses Christies and Sotheby's say they have never heard the name Kongthin Pearlman before, despite the £70m price tag of this work making him one of the most expensive



**MYSTERY:** Last week's report on the offer artists in the world.

The asking price for the triptych eclipses For the Love of God – the £50m platinum skull covered with 8,601 diamonds by Damian Hirst.

Yourcanterbury this week spoke to Michael Leighton, a Gibraltar-based agent and the only contact for the elusive Mr Pearlman, said: "Kongthin has always shunned the art world, and all his sales are conducted privately. He has never sold any work through an auction house, or publicised himself in any way, and nor would he ever wish to."

Attempts to speak to Mr Pearlman to banish suggestions of a hoax were turned down by Mr Leighton who insisted this was no con.

The piece, entitled The Man Delusion, consists of three 15ft high panels, each containing a sculpture of the crucifixion made of reconstituted marble. It is currently on display in King's College, Cambridge.

The work offered to Canterbury Cathedral is one of four. Mr Leighton said another had been sold to an unnamed American buyer for £69.7m, while another has been offered to the Vatican.

## Probe as lorry hits 10-year-old cyclist

A 10-YEAR-old is in a stable condition after an accident involving a lorry last week.

The crash happened at about 4.10pm on Thursday on the A28 Sturry Road at the junction with Reed Avenue, Canterbury.

The boy was riding a pushbike when he was struck by a lorry, driven by a local man.

The 10-year-old suffered potentially life-threatening injuries and was taken to the QEQM Hospital in Margate.

He was later transferred to a specialist London hospital. The road was closed for five hours whilst officers got an investigation under way.

## Schoolgirl 'stable' after horror crash

AN 11-year-old girl was seriously injured in a collision with a car in Nackington Road on Monday.

The girl, from the Dover area, was taken to the Royal London Hospital by air ambulance, following the accident at 4pm.

At the time of going to press, the girl was in a stable condition. No-one else was injured. The road remained closed until 7.45pm.

## Teaching profession hopes to benefit from credit crunch

CITY workers looking for a change of career in the increasingly depressing financial sector are turning to teaching, it was claimed in the national press last week.

And that has prompted Canterbury Christ Church University to look to capitalise with its enviable reputation for training the next generation of teaching staff.

The shift in employment comes as teaching is perceived as a secure job unaffected by the dips and dives of the economy.

Now our university is backing the Training and Development Agency for Schools' bid to recruit financiers to combat the shortage of maths and science teachers and attract more people into the profession.

Dean of the university's faculty of education, Dr John Moss, said: "The credit crunch is forcing people to re-think their career path and teaching is an attractive option for City workers."

"It offers you a better quality of life – especially those used to commuting into London for three or four hours a day, with all the associated costs – and a career that will enable you to make a much needed contribution to the community you live in."



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# Give your time for the good of us all

## Our campaign to help you Make The Difference

FROM gardeners to press officers, the opportunities for volunteering are varied and exciting; some of which require just a few hours a week of your time.

The vast majority of charities rely on fundraisers to keep donations coming in, but there are lots of specific jobs available that will make the most of skills volunteers already have.

Many charities need people with financial skills to manage money, or PR skills to deal with press inquiries.

Administration is another role which is vital to keep things running smoothly, especially for charities with huge amounts of paperwork like the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Manning the phones is vital to organisations like Samaritans, and Age Concern has a wide range of opportunities such as drivers and befrienders.

But, above all, don't be put off and don't be afraid to ask if you can help; you'll feel pleased you did. Check out our guide on this page and make that call today.

Just tell them you saw the campaign in Yourcanterbury.



**STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD:** Give something back and help a charity by volunteering your time and expertise

**NSPCC**  
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

THE NSPCC aims to stop cruelty to children, running a number of campaigns nationwide and the 24-hour helpline Childline, for children in distress or danger.

NSPCC spokesman Anna Kier said: "The networks of volunteers we have fundraising in local communities raise significant funds, without which, we would cease to operate within six months."

Opportunities: Fundraisers  
Where? Fundraising in your local area  
Contact: 0800 0560566

## Duo's appeal over killing kicked out

THE killers of Whitstable dad Mark Witherall will serve full terms after losing their appeal this week.

Mark Elliott, 21, of Sandpiper Road, and 19-year-old Curtis Delima, of Regent Street, were jailed for kicking Mark Witherall to death when he discovered the pair burgling his house.

Elliott will serve a minimum of 23 years before being able to apply for release, while Delima faces a minimum of 20 years behind bars for the murder.

The youths from Whitstable took Mr Witherall's house keys from his girlfriend during a party in the town then went looking for things to steal, along with 16-year-old Gerry Cusden.

When Mr Witherall discovered the robbers and chased them out, he was struck with a spirit level by Delima, and kicked as he lay on the floor. The youths then ransacked the house, leaving him for dead.

Mr Witherall was found by members of the public, but died several weeks later in hospital from his injuries.

Lord Justice Hooper, dismissing the appeals, said: "It is not arguable that the two minimum terms were manifestly excessive."

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## Population is booming say latest figures

THE Canterbury district has seen one of the highest population growths in the South East according to recent research.

Across the area, the population has risen by 12 per cent in the last 10 years, putting Canterbury in the top five growth boroughs below only Ashford, Milton Keynes and Oxford.

The district's population has risen from 132,600 in 1997 to 148,000 in 2007, an increase of 15,400.

Researchers say increases in the number of births, decreases in the number of deaths and changes in the pattern of international migration into and out of the area have all contributed to population growth in the decade to 2007.

They also claim an increase in the number of workers commuting to London has added to the total of people moving to the South East.

According to the council, the population increase has been absorbed across the district as opposed to any specific area, with several large new developments providing the homes.

The research was compiled using data from the Office of National Statistics, and the local authority population estimates have been taken from the NOMIS database of official labour market statistics.

## SAMARITANS

SAMARITANS offers a confidential listening service for anyone suffering from emotional problems.

Samaritans spokesman Claire Duncan said: "Most of Samaritans' work is a telephone helpline, operating 24 hours a day. In addition, the organisation offers a drop-in service."

Opportunities: Shifts three-four hours a week, and one overnight shift a month.

Where? 32 Northgate, Canterbury. Contact: 01227 457777.

## AGE CONCERN

supports older people in a variety of ways, from home visits to making sure they get benefits they are entitled to.

Volunteer recruiter Gill Ball said: "Like many other charities Age Concern would struggle to survive without the help of volunteers."

Opportunities: Shop work, befriending, home visiting, being a driver or acting as trustee. Some require just a few hours a week.

Where? Hampton Pier Avenue, Herne Bay

Contact: Gill Ball on 01227 772248 or email [ageconrecruiter@whitstablevc.org.uk](mailto:ageconrecruiter@whitstablevc.org.uk)

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU** offers free advice on a number of issues such as consumer rights and debt.

Manager Simone Field said: "What we lack are volunteers who learn the job and stay to the extent they are mainly self sufficient."



Opportunities: Advisors, administrators (primarily weekdays only), trustee, fundraisers, PR officers.

Where? Westgate Hall Road, Canterbury; High Street, Herne Bay; Whitstable Library. Contact: 08451 264264

## INVOLVED

helps match young people with volunteering opportunities. They work with dozens of other organisations to find the right placements.

Opportunities: Various  
Contact: [stotesbury@vsuukent.org](mailto:stotesbury@vsuukent.org)



## THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

carries out research into heart disease, its prevention and cure, and supports patients.

Spokesman Louise Whalley said: "Volunteers are absolutely essential to the success of the BHF."

Opportunities: Shop work, fundraising.  
Where? St Peters Street, Canterbury  
Contact: 01227 785481



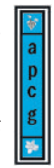
## ABBEY PHYSIC COMMUNITY GARDEN

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Opportunities: Gardening and various.

Where? Abbey Place, Faversham

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Grayson Perry turns curator at art gallery

TURNER Prize winner Grayson Perry curates an exhibition entitled Unpopular Culture running at Canterbury's Royal Museum and Art Gallery this month.

Perry won the Turner Prize in 2003 for his delicate coil pots adorned with drawings and text. Less well known is Perry's work as a curator.

On view until November 8, the exhibition highlights this aspect of Perry's practice and offers his personal view of the Arts Council Collection. It runs Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm. Admission is free.

## City business leaders will be heard at conference

BUSINESS owners will have an opportunity to voice their views about the future in the area at the C4B (Canterbury4Business) Associates Conference this month.

Guest speaker will be Colin Carmichael, chief executive of Canterbury council, explaining council plans for businesses.

The free conference, on October 14, is being held at the Harris Suite at Kent County Cricket Club's St Lawrence Ground in Old Dover Road, from 7.45 am to 10 am. See [www.canterbury4business.co.uk](http://www.canterbury4business.co.uk).

## Fundraising boot fair for Lord Whisky Sanctuary

THE Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund is holding a fundraising boot sale at its base in Stelling Minnis on Saturday.

Running from noon until 3.30pm at the Park House Animal Sanctuary it will include an appearance by the Husky display team in addition to stalls selling Christmas cards and decorations.

For further details call 01303 862622. Pitches for cars cost £7.50 or £10 for vans. Gates open at 8am and there is no need to pre-book. Refreshments will be available on site.

## Free breakfast advice on coping with the crunch

COPING with the credit crunch will be the subject of a business seminar this month.

East Kent law firm, Girlings Solicitors, is holding a series of breakfast seminars for employers offering advice and guidance on handling redundancies and reorganisations, and tips on amending the terms and conditions of staff.

The seminars, which include continental breakfast, take place from 8am to 9.30am on October 14 at Canterbury Christ Church University Hall Place Campus.

Bookings can be made on-line at: [www.kentinvtachamber.co.uk](http://www.kentinvtachamber.co.uk) or via the booking hotline 01233 503838.

# Can you help reveal who we really are?

BY GARETH ARNOLD

DONATED blood from Canterbury volunteers will help reveal the mysteries of the country's genetic make-up as part of a groundbreaking medical project

The survey, called the People of the British Isles Project, is being carried out by geneticists at Oxford University.

Researchers are looking for people whose four grandparents were born in the same rural parish, or a locality within a 40 mile radius of each other.

It is hoped this will make an individual a good genetic representative of the area.

The project is looking to collect 3,500 blood samples from all around the UK.

Tammy Day, from the project said: "This really is the last chance we have of being able to carry out this kind of survey in the country."

"Because everyone is so much more mobile these days it is quite rare to find people who fit into the criteria we need. We really need the people to come from fairly settled communities."

The scientists say Kent is a particularly important region for the study.

Historically, the Saxons had a big impact on the area, followed by the invasion of the Normans. As well as these invasions, there has been a strong sense of local identity in different parts of Kent which has maintained communities with a distinct history.

Once the genetic map of the country has been made it will be used in two ways.

The first will be to help scientists understand the susceptibility of people to common



VIKING INVASION: Research aims to show what impact the arrival of the Vikings had on our genetic make-up

diseases such as cancer or diabetes. It will also help to get a better understanding of the impact that people such as the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons had in creating our genetic make-up and how it is connected with the rest of Europe.

The study is anonymous, and no individual DNA results will be printed, and the name of the person will not be put on the blood sample.

Volunteers will be kept informed about the progress of the research through bi-annual

newsletters giving out results of what has been found in their area.

Volunteers have to be aged 18 or over. For more information contact Tammy Day on 01865 863819 from 9am to 8pm, or visit [www.peopleofthebritishisles.org](http://www.peopleofthebritishisles.org)

There will be a blood collection in Canterbury on October 10 at the British Red Cross Hall, Chancery Lane from 7pm onwards.

Ashford is also taking part in the survey.

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## New trust aims to rebuild pier

HERNE Bay's iconic pier could be restored to its former glory with the formation of a trust which has vowed to raise funds to renovate the famous landmark.

Forty years after the pier's closure, and the trust, founded earlier this year, is ready to embark on what they are calling a "once in a lifetime project".

A spokesman for the new Herne Bay Pier Trust said: "The Trust was founded with 11 trustees who, not only live locally, but have each been specifically selected for the skills and experience they can bring to the project."

The pier was closed to the public in 1968 after it was deemed too dangerous to use following years of neg-

lect. The grand pavilion on the shoreward side burned down in 1970, and was replaced by the sports centre in 1976.

An official public launch is planned later this year.

See the film clip on our free broadband TV site; put the word 'pier' in the search box at [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk) for a brief history of the town's pier.

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TRAPPED: Pot bellied pigs Bramley and Bramble had to be saved by fire fighters after they fell into a septic tank

# How playful pigs fell into deep trouble

WHEN a pair of potbellied pigs got stuck in a well it was up to fire fighters to save their bacon.

The crew was called to Chalk Hill Farm in New House Lane, Thanington Without, last Wednesday morning after the pair of Kunekune pigs fell 10 feet down a well containing a septic tank.

It is thought the sisters, Bramley and Bramble, aged three, were playing near the pit when they fell in.

Fire fighters wearing dry suits, specially trained in animal rescue, used a ladder to reach the pigs and attempted to attach a harness to one of the panicked porkers.

But the pigs were too small for the harnesses, which are normally used to rescue larger livestock, so fire fighters had to think of something else.

To make more room, they removed the septic tank from the well, and dropped a net down to snare the pigs. Crew members used bananas to entice the pigs, then winched the sisters to safety.

Owner, Julie Hardy, who uses the farm as a life skills centre for teenagers, said: "I saw Bramley and Bramble playing near the well

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

when I saw them fall. As they are pets, we were all quite concerned for their safety, although they didn't seem too bothered about being down the well!"

Station manager Simon Smith, who was in charge of the incident, said: "It was quite a difficult rescue. The fire crew had little access

to the pigs initially, so we had no other option but to winch the septic tank out of the well.

"Although this gave the crew more space to work in, they experienced quite a lot of difficulty convincing the pigs to enter the net. But eventually, with the help of the owners and some food, crews managed to hoist the pair to safety."

After an hour of winching, heaving and a lot of noise from the pigs, the fire fighters pulled the pair to safety. Amazingly the sisters were returned to their sty unhurt from their ordeal.

Mr Smith added: "Julie was very thankful to our fire fighters. We definitely saved her pigs' bacon."

Kunekunes are a small breed of domestic pig from New Zealand.



## All the flavours of our Euro neighbours

THOUSANDS flocked to Dane John Gardens over the weekend to get a taste of the finest food and drink as the Eurofair with the Kent Food & Drink Festival came to Canterbury.

Around 100 stalls offering a range of delicacies were on offer, with the mild autumn weather swelling the crowds.

And if you missed out on the event, you can catch up on the sights and sounds by watching the video clip on our free, broadband TV website, [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk). Simply search 'dane'.

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### yourcanterbury NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Brave community officers praised for saving man

THREE police community support officers have been praised after they saved a man's life as he fell from a bridge over a main road.

The 28-year-old was sitting on the railings above the A2 at Canterbury when members of the public alerted two nearby PCSOs, Trevor Ingram and Sam Milton.

As they rushed to the bridge they were joined by fellow officer Paul Rigden.

But as they began talking to the "distressed" man, he toppled backwards and the PCSOs grabbed hold of his legs to save him.

Police stopped the traffic on the dual carriageway during the incident.

Chief Insp Mark Harrison said: "I am sure their timely intervention saved this man's life and I have nothing but praise for their level headedness and swift action."

"This was a traumatic incident that could have ended very differently had it not been for what they did."

The local man was detained under the Mental Health Act and taken to the city's St Martin's Hospital.

#### Custom car kids dragged out of bed by the police

BOY racers around Herne Bay received a rude awakening from police with an early morning wake-up call from uniformed officers.

Cops visited a number of addresses in the town and Whitstable to issue offenders with warning notices after complaints had been made to the police about anti-social drivers in the Central Parade and Neptune car park area of Herne Bay.

Insp Gordon Etheridge said: "Those drivers woken early by my officers might gain some sympathy for the residents whose peace has been regularly disturbed by their manner of driving. We shall be repeating the operation and ensuring the message gets home."

#### Has the Bayeux Tapestry got its roots right here?

WAS the famous Bayeux Tapestry actually made in Canterbury?

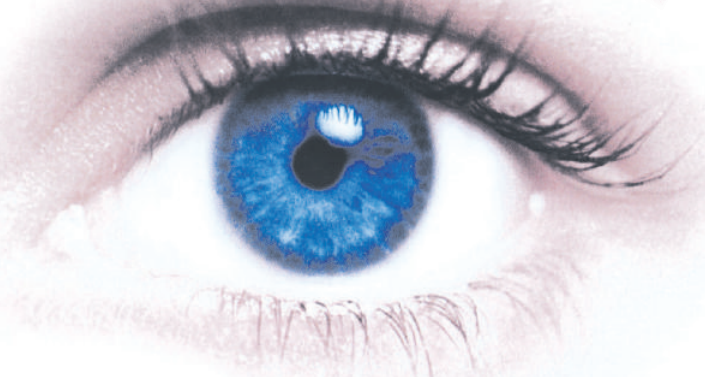
Most scholars believe it was made in England and more than one piece of evidence points to the city.

The Museum of Canterbury in Stour Street has an exhibition looking at the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings.

Canterbury Tapestry takes place on Saturday, October 4, from 10.30am to 4pm.

Entry to this drop-in event is free for Residents Card holders, and 65p for other residents. For visitors outside the district: £3.50 for adults and £2.25 concessions.

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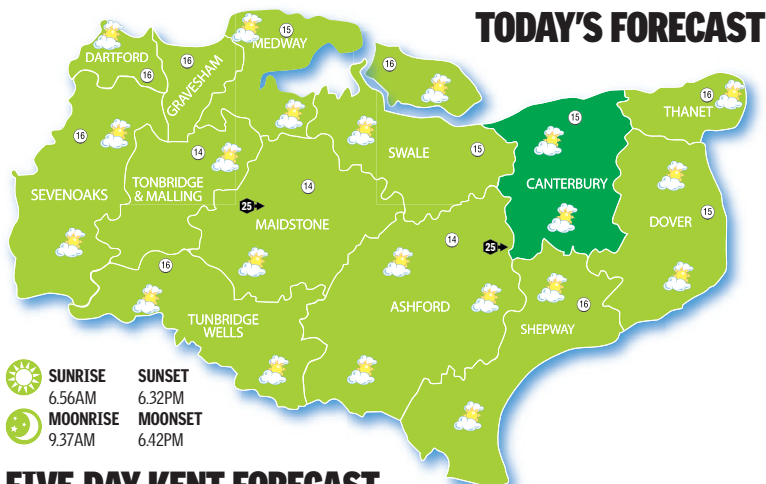
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Dover	Saturday	1:30pm	6.7m
	Sunday	1:59pm	6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	1:34pm	7.8m
	Sunday	2:06pm	7.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	2:00pm	5.1m
	Sunday	2:29pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	3:06pm	5.8m
	Sunday	3:38pm	5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	3:16pm	5.3m
	Sunday	3:47pm	5.2m

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## Third tour for Howe Barracks regiment

SOLDIERS from Kent's county regiment are gearing up for their third tour of Iraq.

Defence secretary Des Browne has confirmed that the 1st Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment – which has its headquarters in Canterbury's Howe Barracks – will be deployed to Basra in the south of the war-torn country in November.

Some of the 1PWRR soldiers who will join up with the 20th Armoured Brigade have served in Iraq twice previously, in 2004 and 2006.

Brigade commander Brigadier Tom Beckett

said: "Each time the brigade has deployed, the operational situation has been different. Each time there have been different challenges."

"This year we go knowing there is optimism in Iraq that the dark days of previous years can be contained. This is especially true in Basra."

"The Iraqi Security Forces are in the lead securing and serving the population, and we will support them in their endeavours."

"With security in place, the government of Iraq – at national, provincial and local levels – will be better able to develop good governance and economic gains."

"At the same time we will ensure our activity supports the aims and goals of the Multi-National Force."

More than 350 troops will be sent with the brigade to Basra.

Last month it was announced a further detachment of 170 soldiers from B Company 1PWRR will deploy to Afghanistan for six months with the Royal Marines.



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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### GEORGE COSTACHE



**Q** What's a normal day for you?

**A** I get into work at 9.30am and I spend the next half an hour to 45 minutes cleaning my studio ready for my first client of the day. I am usually tattooing through until lunchtime and if I'm lucky I'll get a chance to grab a bite to eat between clients. My day is mainly spent tattooing, preparing stencils, drawing custom designs and talking to and advising clients.

**Q** What inspires you?

**A** Music inspires me and gets me fired up for a busy day. The music I listen to depends on the tattoo I'm designing. If it's a gentle, light, elegant piece I'll listen to something calming and chilled out. But I'm also into rock, bands such as Black Sabbath, Judas Priest, Marilyn Manson and Metallica.

My other big inspiration is my Harley-Davidson motorcycle. I have some of my best ideas when I'm riding it. It gives me time to think clearly and truly relax.

**Q** What tattoos do you have?

**A** I have a lot of the sort of tattoos you'd expect to see on a guy that rides a big Harley. I also have a new one that two of the piercers in the studio did.

They wanted to have a go at being tattooists for the day and the tattoo on my leg is the result. It may not be the best tattoo in the world but it's become one of my favourites.

**Q** Is getting a tattoo really that painful?

**A** Everyone is different and some people can sit for hours quite happily without any problems. Others find even the smallest tattoo uncomfortable. You'll never know what it will be like for you until you get one.

**Q** What is the most common tattoo you're asked to do in terms of design and place?

**A** The most common tattoo I'm asked for at the moment is stars on the wrist. Stars and bows are really popular at the moment.

**Q** What's the most unusual tattoo you've been asked to do? And where was it?

**A** The most unusual tattoo I've ever been asked to do was on someone's bottom. They had 'I Love KFC', the same as the logo. That was very unusual but it turned out really well.

**Q** What influences and inspires your work?

**A** Inspiration can come from anywhere. Sometimes it's a sketch a client brings in, sometimes it's the client themselves, with a story or a meaning for their tattoo, and sometimes it's their personality. People who are really excited and passionate about their tattoo inspire me more than anything else.

**Q** Do you enjoy your job?

**A** I love my job. It's the best job in the world. I get to meet amazing people and I feel

privileged to be able to be the person who helps them make their ideas a reality.

**Q** How long has the Belly Bar been in Canterbury?

**A** The Belly Bar pierces, stretches and tattoos anything and everything. There are two stores, one in Bromley and the other here in Canterbury.

The Belly Bar is one of Kent's leading piercing studios. Having been piercing since 1997 in Canterbury, it was the city's first ever piercing-only studio. Eleven years on, The Belly Bar has pierced thousands of people from around the globe.

**Q** Why did the shop start offering tattooing as well?

**A** Despite starting out as piercing only, after years of inquiries the Belly Bar began tattooing due to customer demand. Tattooing is now available at both branches, with thousands of designs to choose from and custom work being an option.

**Q** What makes it different from other places?

**A** Offering a huge variety of tattoos, jewellery and piercing anywhere safe to do so, the shop has a friendly, welcoming feel not normally associated with piercing studios. Just pop in and we will be happy to help you.

Both studios are fully licenced and council approved. If you are interested in having a piercing or tattooing, we will be happy to give you a tour of our professional studios.

**GEORGE COSTACHE**, tattoo artist at The Belly Bar in Canterbury, tells reporter Jenny Armstrong about the job he loves, his influences and some of the stranger requests he's encountered during his career

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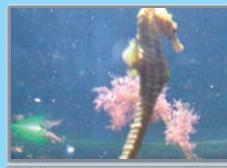


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# Boris is blasted over 'barmy' airport plan

BY STEVE KNIGHT

LONDON Mayor Boris Johnson needs to learn a thing or two about Kent's landscape, says county council leader and fellow Tory, Paul Carter.

Mr Johnson angered residents, environmentalists and politicians alike this week when he suggested a new airport on an artificial island off Sheppey could be the answer to overcrowding at Heathrow.

Cllr Carter has criticised similar proposals in the past and says there is "no hope" of such a scheme being implemented.

He told KOS Media: "I think Mr Johnson's suggestion is a bridge too far."

"All the mist and fog in the autumn and the wind and potential flood problems in the winter would make Sheppey entirely unsuitable for an airport."

"A much better solution would be to expand Manston airport and bring much-needed prosperity to the east of the county."

"We are making our views known to Mr Johnson's office, but the sooner we get together the better."

"I don't think he even knows where Manston is, so clearly needs educating about it. I find it very frustrating when he says things like this and we obviously need to have a chat."

Cllr Carter said he did not expect to be able to speak to Mr Johnson at the Tory party conference this week, but he added he would at one of two meetings the pair will be attending next month.

Mr Johnson's comments also angered members of KCC's Labour group, who say the mayor is trying to placate west London voters opposed to the growth of Heathrow.

Shadow cabinet spokesman Cllr Roger Truelove described it as "another barmy Tory proposal".



**NO HOPE:** Boris Johnson's comments about an airport near Sheppey have angered KCC leader Paul Carter



He added: "Mr Johnson is clearly putting London first and is showing a complacent disregard for Kent."

"The notion an airport could be built in the Thames estuary and then linked somehow to the high-speed domestic train service from Sittingbourne is schoolboy thinking."

"The investment overheads at a time of cost pressures on the whole air passenger industry are truly prohibitive. Kent has insufficient commercial and passenger hinterland to justify a London airport. All logic suggests the obvious location for growth, if it is really necessary, is to the west of London."

"What strikes me as truly disturbing is that the Mayor of London can make these sorts of remarks with, presumably, no consultation with his colleagues in Kent."

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

highlights the fact that the Thames estuary has one of the biggest groups of special protection areas in Europe and is used by some 300,000 migratory birds.

South East director Chris Corrigan said that to build an airport in it would potentially be "the single biggest piece of environmental vandalism" ever perpetrated in the UK.

He added: "Mr Johnson doesn't seem to have grasped UK law that before you destroy a protected habitat you have to recreate it somewhere else first."

"How do you recreate massive areas of the Thames estuary? And even then he would have to prove there is no alternative site for the expansion anywhere else. It's just ludicrous. We have been here before and the facts remain the same – the idea of an airport in the Thames estuary is a total non-starter."

## Good report for foster service

KENT County Council has received good grades in an inspection report from Ofsted on its fostering service.

There are more than 700 foster carers around the county supporting KCC's work in protecting and looking after children. Inspectors spoke to young people, their carers and support staff as part of the review.

The category rated as outstanding was for "helping children make a positive contribution" which covered contact with family and friends, sensitivity to the needs of biological parents and the involvement by children in the planning and delivery of services.

Ofsted inspector Lucy Ansell said in her report: "This is a strong service that delivers good outcomes, with elements of outstanding practice within the specialist services and for positive contribution overall."

KCC's Leyland Ridings said: "I am very pleased with this inspection report, particularly the 'outstanding' rating for a key area of our fostering service. I pay tribute to our foster carers and staff for their work."

"We will continue to work with children and carers to make further improvements and action the recommendations made by the inspection team."

## Join the Gurkhas for a celebration

KENT'S Nepalese community is set to celebrate its most renowned festival, Dashera.

The celebration represents the victory of good over evil and symbolises reunion with family and friends.

Guests at the event in Maidstone can expect traditional Nepalese dancing and delicious food.

Hundreds of serving and former Gurkhas, who are recruited from Nepal, live in Kent with their families.

Limbu Ratna, chairman of the county town's Nepalese community organisation, said: "We want to share this special festival with our friends in Maidstone and look forward to welcoming them."

The 15-day national festival traditionally takes place after the rice harvest. The Kent celebration will be at Maidstone Leisure Centre from 7.30-10pm on Friday.

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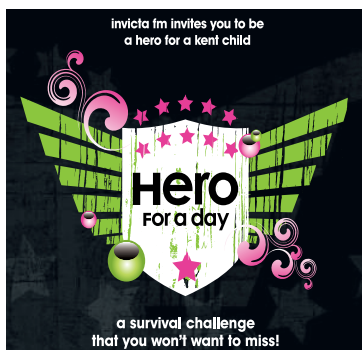
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A spokesman for the event said: "You must complete challenges in order to find your way back to the safety of base camp. These will include shelter and fire building, camouflage and concealment, navigation and the day will end with a paintball battle."

"We are also running a fancy-dress theme, so don't forget to come in camouflage or military uniform to really get in the mood."

Everyone entering will receive a T-shirt and everyone completing the challenge will receive a medal commemorating the day.

The spokesman said: "The day will be based around teams of eight to ten. You can either gather together your friends and workmates, or if you want to come along with a couple of friends or on your own, we will put you together with other people to form a team."

To take part and reserve your place, phone 01227 774427, or alternatively log on to [www.invictafm.co.uk/charity](http://www.invictafm.co.uk/charity), or cut out and fill in the entry form (right).

Teams of 10 cost £200 entry fee, or individuals £25. Sponsorship per person should be at least £75.

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## Cathedral set to honour Sir Sandy

A SERVICE of Thanksgiving for the life of Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart is to be held at Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday, November 27, starting at 11am.

Lord Bruce-Lockhart was the leader of Kent County Council from 1997 until he retired in 2005. He died earlier this year, aged 66, after a battle with cancer.

The chairman of Kent County Council Peter Lake said: "He was a true reformer of local government and public services and devoted enormous time and energy to Kent County Council during the eight years he was leader."

Everyone is welcome to pay their respects, although due to the large numbers likely to attend, entrance to the cathedral will be by ticket only.



## Stars line up to make Roger's day

BBC Radio Kent's Roger Day is taking a break from his 7pm-10pm evening show to let some big names from the world of comedy, sports presenting and music fill in.

BBC television sports presenter John Inverdale will sit in for Roger today, while comedian and Never Mind the Buzzcocks team captain Phill Jupitus will sit in for Roger tomorrow and Friday.

Managing editor Paul Leaper said: "Roger's show is a big hit with our listeners and serves the important evening audience as they return home from work from all across the region."

"It's great to have so many top-class names from the worlds of music and entertainment keen to take the chance to share their own musical tastes with our audience."

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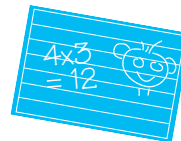
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EVERY primary school pupil who falls behind in the three Rs will be entitled to one-to-one tuition from 2011.

In a scheme costing £315 million, children aged seven-11 who are failing to make adequate progress will have a guaranteed right to personal tuition.

The Department for Children, Schools and

Families said the funding had already been announced and would be given to local authorities who will be responsible for employing tutors who would work in schools on a one-to-one basis.

Parents would also have a right to appeal to Kent County Council if they felt their children should be eligible for the scheme, but had

not been identified as such.

According to the department, the scheme would be based on existing "making good progress" pilots which offer support for children in the last years of primary school and early years of secondary school. These have worked as short, sharp bursts of intensive one-to-one tuition on top of normal lessons.



**WORDS OF HONOUR:** Musician Dani Groombridge signs the giant pledge on behalf of the county's schoolchildren

## Olympic pledge aims to inspire schoolchildren

MUSICIAN Dani Groombridge from Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School signed a giant pledge to uphold Olympic values on behalf of all schoolchildren in Kent at the Kent Schools Cultural Olympiad recently.

The event, held at the new Folkestone Academy, was a celebration of Olympic and Paralympic values which featured pupils from across the county.

Dani was one of a group of senior musicians invited to take part in the event to launch the Kent Schools 20 in 12 learning programme.

### Summarised

The aim of the scheme is to use the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to inspire learning across the curriculum for children and young people in Kent.

An inspiring array of dance, media and musical offerings were performed by students from various specialist arts colleges in Kent before a giant pledge to the Olympic values was signed by Dani on behalf

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

of all Kent schoolchildren.

Dani then joined the joint schools' big band to sing the closing song Search for the Hero.

Following the performances there was a countdown to the handover ceremony with a live link to Beijing and pupils were able to witness the handover ceremony at the conclusion of the Paralympic Games.

In Kent, the five Olympic and Paralympic values are summarised in the word PRIDE: P for personal excellence; R for respect and friendship; I for inspiration; D for determination and courage and E for equality.

A spokesman for the 20 in 12 programme said: "We want to make the experience of London 2012 an exciting and memorable occasion for young people across the county and to welcome the world to the UK."

The event was organised as part of the Kent campaign for the 2012 Olympics which aims to promote every aspect of the county in the run up to the Games.

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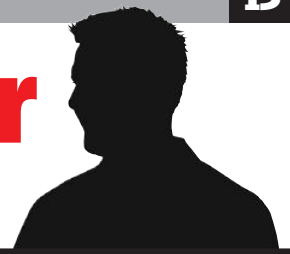
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## Your boneheaded boss is just about managing

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Every survey has an agenda, so you take them with a pinch of salt. Unless, of course, it's another one saying not to eat too much salt.

But last week there was a particularly daft one which consumed the column inches.

Emanating from the US, it claimed men in management with a sexist attitude consistently earned more than those with a more equality-minded attitude.

It didn't suggest that 'goosing' colleagues as you stroll to the canteen might be good for your career prospects, but if you just skimmed the headlines you'd think society was taking something of a backward step.

It was also presented in a way which suggested that a man's worth and status is only

determined by the size of his salary. And, if there is one thing us men do know as a pure, solid fact, it is that size is most definitely not everything.

The headlines proclaimed that 'It pays men to be sexist' and 'There is hope for chauvinistic men after all'.

And, perhaps most irritatingly, it gave those annoying blokes in the office with a chip on their shoulder and a viewpoint straight from that Harry Enfield sketch ('Women - know your limits') some sort of justification for sitting together during their coffee break drawing up lists based on the 'best breasts' in the sales department.

Believe a woman's place is in the home and that men are better in the workplace and that pay rise you've got your eye on will be yours (unless, one assumes, your boss is a woman), it would suggest.

Because surely the findings suggest what so many of us already know: that those in positions of power get there by stomping on other people and are just as likely to be obnoxious to women as they are men. Sexism is prevalent

in senior management positions. As James Brown so rightly crooned, it's a man's, man's world, and while that remains the case there is likely to be little desire from blokes with sexist viewpoints to challenge the status quo.

The facts are simple. If you are a right-thinking, equality-supporting man of the 21st century, the reality is you will want to spend your time serving the needs of your family as much as you do climbing the greasy pole.

You'll want evenings where you spend some quality time with your kids, weekends where you do things together as a family, and don't see time outside the nine-to-five as an opportunity purely for networking or business.

Crucially, you probably won't want to join the sexist idiots who do occupy so many senior management positions.

And, despite some whimpering the opposite, that work-life balance is achievable - you just have to work equally as hard at both.

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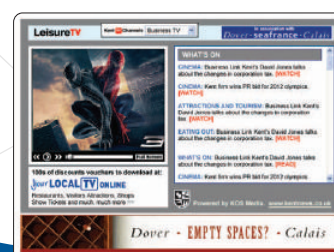


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## TALK TIME

### NINA JONES

Ex-Simon Langton pupil Nina talks about volunteering on the Thanet Coast Project, a scheme to give inner city kids a taste of the sea, organised through V-Involved



## MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

### How did you hook up with the V-Involved team?

At school I was recruited for a project at Wildwood in Herne Common, where we built a beaver enclosure. I kept in contact and they asked me if I would like to try a voluntary full-time placement.

### Why did you choose the Thanet Coast project?

Because I was interested in the environment and working with children. It sounded like great work experience with a real mix of activities – and working on the beach for the summer was a bonus.

### What have been the highlights?

I liked getting to know a new area. I also enjoyed exploring the coastline and teaching children who have never been to the beach how to build sandcastles and find sea creatures.

### What have you learnt from volunteering?

I've gained lots of confidence, speaking to in public. I've also picked up skills in working with the children, planning and running events and multi-tasking.

### Did you get enough support during your placement?

Yes. My advisor, Naomi, was fab. She gave me lots of lifts and I learned a lot about seashore from staff and volunteers.

## YOUR LETTERS



### Angel designs with a southern accent

You asked for our opinions on designs put forward for the Kent equivalent of the Angel of the North to be sited near Ebbsfleet International station.

Here (above) are two of mine – I hope you like them.

Patsy Baker, Hythe

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### Bonfire night has become an ordeal

For a sizeable minority of selfish citizens, the November 5 tradition means nothing.

If it was only one night a year it might be bearable.

Now, however, there is no such thing as bonfire night. Instead it is a relentless six weeks of explosions that continue well into the early hours.

These noise polluters are the scourge of our neighbourhoods. Fireworks are being abused by arrogant, attention-seekers competitively seeing which family can have the earliest



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display and make the most noise for the longest time.

Now we're told by the RSPCA to buy CDs with recordings of loud fizzes and bangs to play to pets so they become accustomed to the sound of fireworks

(Therapy CD aims to help dogs cope with bonfire night, Yourcanterbury, September 24). While I applaud the charity's good intentions, the real way to alleviate the animal and human suffering is for the Government

to ban the sale of fireworks.

Why do they have to sound like bombs detonating when their spectacular displays are such a joy to behold?

Clive Wilkins-Oppler, Canterbury



### Radio station must retain its heart

Good to see Invicta FM is once again helping people in Kent by raising money for the Air Ambulance.

Let's hope that when the station gets its makeover and becomes Heart it does not stop doing this sort of thing.

It shows that a truly community based local radio station can make a real difference

Mike Baynes, by email

### Another assault on the driver's wallet

So yet again speed cameras are to be used to further the war that seems to have been declared on motorists.

It's not about safety at all. What it is about is raising money from a group of people who have



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taken these assaults all too quietly. This government seems to have it in for drivers. There are new regulations coming into force constantly and new taxes, along with huge hikes in petrol prices.

Vehicles keep this country going, yet those in power seem determined to wring every last pound from the unfortunate motorist.

Miles Ashworth, by email



## Why do we import such useless stuff?

I completely agree with the blogger from last week. There are far too many foreign lorries on our roads and they are unnecessary.

Last week I spoke to a driver from Poland who I know. We spoke about the Channel Tunnel fire and the inconvenience it caused him.

Then I asked, what exactly did he carry into the UK? The answer was cheap plastic dolls made in China.

These useless items have gone half way round the world at enormous cost, not least to the environment. And the question has to be asked – why? We don't need this rubbish, there are enough cheap toys for anyone and everyone.

A good way to cut traffic on our roads would be to decide if the stuff

coming in is of any use at all.

If not, it should stay in China or wherever else it originates.

Bryan Collinson, by email

## Raising awareness will help save lives

I write on behalf of the Meningitis Research Foundation to thank everyone who participated in our Meningitis B Aware Campaign in September.

Members and supporters across the region undertook activities to raise awareness of the dangers of meningitis and septicaemia. As a result, hundreds of free B Aware symptoms packs have been requested through our free 24-hour helpline – 080 8800 3344 – or website [www.meningitis.org](http://www.meningitis.org).

The aim was to raise awareness of the dangers of meningitis and septicaemia. There are nine cases every day in the UK, with a death almost every day and a further two people will be left with life-altering after-effects as severe as brain damage, deafness and multiple amputations.

Knowing the symptoms and acting fast will save lives.

The campaign was helped by the dedication of foundation members, people with experience of meningitis and septicaemia. They gave up their time to put on fundraising events and by sharing their experience of meningitis with the media. Public support is vital to our cause as only one per cent of our income comes from government. We rely almost entirely on donations to continue funding research, raising awareness and providing support. For more

information on how you can help raise funds or awareness or to receive a free symptoms awareness pack call 01454 281811.

Pin Collacott, head of campaigns, Meningitis Research Foundation

## Casualties prove we need a 20mph limit

The Department for Transport has released the latest road casualty figures.

Kent and Medway had 834 casualties in 2007, which included 358 cyclists and 75 children.

Kent County Council has been very slow to respond to calls for 20mph speed limits in residential areas. It should have a uniform policy for all residential roads, along with Medway, in its Local Transport Plan.

I lived in Austria for 17 years. The city of Graz has half the rate of road deaths compared with similar cities in the UK, thanks to a speed limit on almost all roads of 30kph (19mph). When the new limit was introduced in 1992, there was a sharp decline of 24 per cent in serious injuries on the roads. Kent and Medway should follow the lead which Graz has given.

At present, Kent is planning to allow growth in traffic despite the increasing air pollution in many communities. This, combined with permitting excessive speeds in residential areas, shows an exceptional lack of concern for public safety and health. We call upon Kent and Medway councils to take action on these matters without delay.

Dr Hazel Dawe, Kent Green Party

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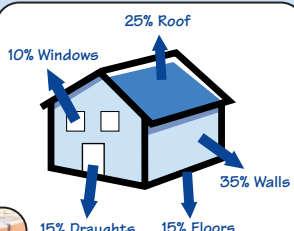
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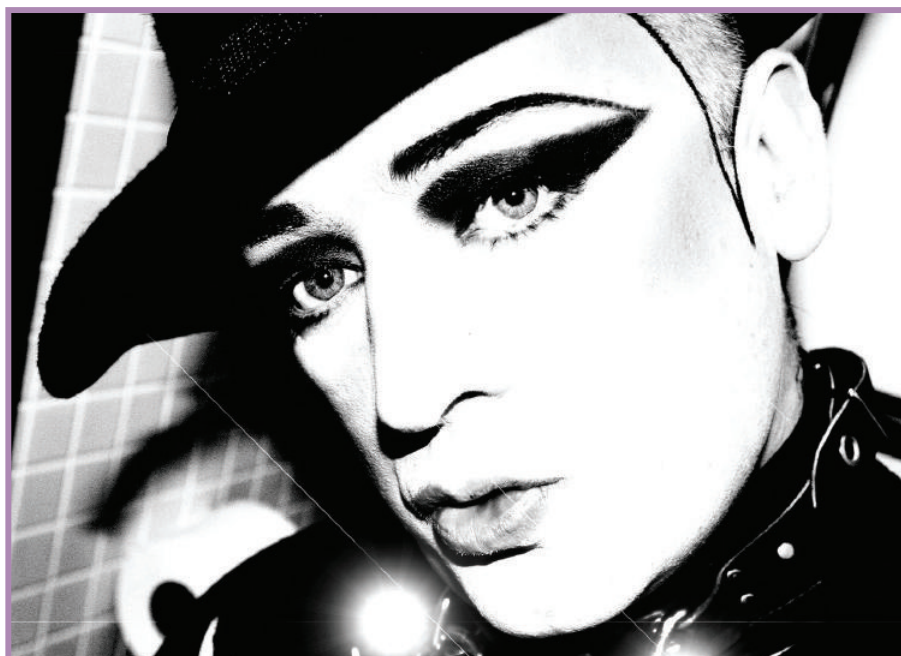
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**ANDROGYNOUS:** Boy George's striking looks and outrageous dressing made him stand out from the crowd in his home town of Eltham

# Yes we can be inspired

## Boy George brings some culture to Kent

THE boy is back in town as one of Britain's most striking vocalists brings his stunning voice to entertain Kent audiences.

After enjoying successful concerts earlier this year, the former Culture Club singer is back in the county ahead of the release of his new single on October 12. He has been so inspired by the US presidential campaign of Democrat candidate Barack Obama that the new song, Yes We Can, contains samples from Obama's stirring speeches.

But although George is backing Obama - potentially the first black president - above his Republican rival John McCain, he stressed that the song is not about politics.

"It's about me, what I've been going through," he said. "It was just inspirational in the sense that Obama's got quite a hopeful approach, if you look at what's been going on in the last few years with the right wing."

"What he has to offer is lighter and

### BOY GEORGE

Thursday, October 2  
Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells



gentler and he has great charisma."

George, 47, clearly relates to Obama's message, but the song also marks a new perspective on the fame which has proved to be a mixed blessing in the past.

George O'Dowd was born in Eltham, London, the third eldest of seven children. Attention was hard to come by so George expressed his individuality by dressing outrageously. His androgynous look caught the attention of pop guru Malcolm McLaren, the man behind the Sex Pistols, and George began appearing with a group called Bow Wow Wow.

Shortly afterwards George formed his own band, Culture Club. The debut album, Kissing To Be Clever, was released in 1982 and the third single, Do You Really Want To Hurt Me?, was their first major hit. It reached the number one spot in 16 countries and number two in

America, making a star of eye-catching vocalist Boy George.

But chart success was coupled with drug addiction, along with harsh media scrutiny of his personal life, and the group disbanded just four years later.

George initially enjoyed a successful solo career during the late 80s and early 90s, but the hits began to dry up and he gradually turned his attention to the club scene where he has become a leading DJ.

He has had a series of brushes with the law over the last few years, including arrests on suspicion of cocaine possession and, most recently, false imprisonment.

But, armed with a fresh perspective and his outstanding soul voice, Boy George is inviting fans to join him on a new musical journey.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £25/£23. Call the box office on 01892 530613/532072 or book online at [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk). Boy George will also be appearing at The Churchill in Bromley on Thursday, October 30.



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Thomas's latest target is drinks giant Coca-Cola, the subject of his new book *Belching Out The Devil: Global Adventures with Coca-Cola*. In the book

Thomas reveals the shocking results of his investigations into one of the world's biggest brands, uncovering alleged stories of child labourers working in El Salvador's sugar cane fields, Indian workers exposed to toxic chemicals and the unjust treatment of Colombian union leaders.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £14/£12. Call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).

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But as the novelty of freedom wears off, Angela finds herself dealing with shifty lawyers, an unsympathetic mother and the prospect of spending Christmas alone. Her hopes that her marriage might be rescued give way to bizarre dates and some suspect purchases, but eventually a surprise meeting could offer some hope.

The play, by Irish playwright Geraldine Aron, was nominated for the Best Entertainment award at the Oliviers in 2004 after enjoying a sell-out season in London's West End.

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### Get on track when band swing at charity show

THE Railway Swing Band will be giving a charity performance next week in aid of Demelza House children's hospice.

Featuring talented musicians aged between 16 and 80, the band formed in 1992 and play a mix of music from the great swing era with some modern compositions thrown in.

The concert will be at the Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury, at 7.45pm on Wednesday, October 8. Tickets cost £12.50. Call 01227 769075 or book online at [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).

### Drop in and find out more about condition

DYSLEXIA East Kent Support will be holding a morning drop-in session this weekend.

The drop-in centre will be hosted by Kingsmead Leisure Centre in Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, on Saturday. It will run from 10am to noon, giving people the chance to find out more about the condition.

For more information about the event call 0845 003 8979.

### All folk can come enjoy free music with lunch

ENJOY great music for free when acclaimed folk group 422 performs at the Gulbenkian Theatre.

The free lunchtime concert will be held on Monday, starting at 1.10pm, and will be followed at 2pm by a 'give what you can' collection. The internationally praised group provided the music for Howard Goodall's Channel 4 series *Great Dates*.

The concert is one of a series of events sponsored by Furler Page Solicitors, see [www.kent.ac.uk/music/music/diary.htm](http://www.kent.ac.uk/music/music/diary.htm).

### Farmhouse offers an evening of country blues

COUNTRY blues singer/songwriter Pete Molinari will be appearing at The Farmhouse in Canterbury this week.

The Dover Street venue, home to the team behind the Lounge on the Farm festival, welcomes the acclaimed local artist on Friday night. Molinari's gig is the latest in a series of events designed to keep the spirit of the festival alive all year round.

Admission costs £3. To find out more go online at [www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk](http://www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk).

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**CANTERBURY SHOPPING**

**Store to sell goods to  
produce miles of smiles**

A NEW charity shop on Whitstable's Oxford Street has opened – and is now appealing for volunteers to help staff it.

Kent Kids Dreams opened its doors for the first time on Friday after months of preparations and hopes to become a major fund-raiser for the Canterbury-based charity.

Kent Kids Dreams supports the Kent Kids Miles of Smiles formed in 1993, which looks after children aged between 3-17. It has also recently opened a new care home, Redwalls, offering care to those aged 18 and over.

**Intense diamond scent  
could be your destiny**

DIAMONDS really are a girl's best friend with the launch of Emporio Armani's latest fragrance.

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Emporio Armani Diamonds Intense is available exclusively at The Perfume Shop, priced from £32.50.

**Extra improvements  
are almost completed**

TESCO in Whitstable is edging closer to completing its latest store overhaul.

The Extra branch in Millstrood Road just off the Thanet Way has undergone disruption in recent weeks as it looks to expand its range of services which will include a takeaway counter and opticians. It has also expanded its electrical range.

Shoppers have also noted in recent weeks a rejig of the popular store as part of the on-going expansion programme.

**Stylists are full of beans  
over business invitation**

JELLY Beanz hairdressers in Whitstable High Street was one of a select few salons to be invited to take part in the L'Oréal Professional Southern Business Forum in Sussex recently.

Taking place at the Alexander House Hotel & Spa, just 15 salons were invited to attend. The focus was on working on strategies to boost their business with experts on marketing, buying the retailing all providing their expert opinion.

Find out what lessons they learned by calling in to the hairdressers.

**Beauty company hands  
you some good advice**

AVEDA is the latest brand to announce its participation in Breast Cancer Awareness Month with its hand cream.

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4. Ron Bowdry - Strange Sights On Bluebell Hill (from New Eltham)
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# A world of entertainment



**SOMETHING SPECIAL:** Camera Obscura (left) and Jose Gonzalez (right) are just two of the nine acts lined-up to perform at this year's forthcoming Canterbury Festival

**COUNCIL** events organisers have all the fun.

From what I can gather, the powers-that-be hand down a vague list of demands and a moderate budget to said organisers who then get on and, erm, organise things.

The trick, it would seem, is in organising something that we hard-paying taxpayers actually want.

With this in mind I tip my cap to the team behind next month's Canterbury Festival, and in particular the people responsible for sorting out the 'world music' line-up - they've done a sterling job.

Among the nine acts on show across the two week festival are a group of Buddhist monks, a Senegalese orchestra, Mick Fleetwood (yes, the Mick Fleetwood of Fleetwood Mac fame) and cult Scottish indie rockers Camera Obscura.

I think it's fair to say the organisers have come good on both the 'world' and 'music' parts of their brief.

Here's a run-down of my top five musical picks of the festival:

### 1) CAMERA OBSCURA

• If you are not a huge Camera Obscura fan

### BY SIMON ROBINSON

then the only explanation is that you can't have heard any of their music. There is no other alternative. Songs such as Lloyd I'm Ready To Be Heartbroken, Eighties Fan and Tears for Affairs are classic toe-tappers and achingly beautiful. The Scottish six-piece play the Marlowe Theatre on Thursday, October 16. Doors at 7.30pm. Tickets start at £12, £8 for students.

### 2) SHLOMO AND THE VOCAL ORCHESTRA

• Shlomo's 'orchestra' is made up of eight beatboxers. Through the power of co-ordination and timing, they rock. The festival's official guide bills Shlomo as leading "the most of-the-moment vocal group in high-energy performance of amazing beatboxing feats and jaw-dropping vocal interpretations". They rock. Catch them at the Gulbenkian Theatre on Monday, October 20. Doors open at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £14, £12 for students.

### 3) JOSE GONZALEZ

• Jose's big break came courtesy of Sony's 'bouncing balls' TV advert, to which he supplied his version of Heartbeats. A gold

and platinum award-winning top-ten album later, the Argentinian-Swedish singer songwriter comes to the Marlowe Theatre on Friday, October 17. Doors at 8pm. Tickets start at £18.50.

### 4) THE MICK FLEETWOOD BLUES BAND

• This gig includes a tribute to the original Fleetwood Mac, the all-male blues band that started it all in 1967. Featuring former Mac singer and lead guitarist Rick Vito and Mr Mick Fleetwood himself, this is one performance not to be missed. Mick and co take to the Marlowe Theatre on Saturday, October 25. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets range from £26.50-£28.50.

### 5) THE MAGNETS

• I'll be honest, I don't know much about The Magnets, but the pre-festival bumpf describes them as a "sharp-suited all-male a cappella sextet who perform with unrivalled sophistication, charisma and flair". To quote the film Jerry Maguire, "You had me at hello". The Magnets play the Gulbenkian Theatre on Wednesday, October 22. Doors open at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £14, £2 less for students.

• For more information on the two-week festival visit [www.canterburyfestival.co.uk](http://www.canterburyfestival.co.uk).

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### DEATH RACE (15)



A penitentiary full of felons has inspired the jailers to create a grisly pastime ripe for lucrative kickbacks. Now, adrenalised inmates, a global audience hungry for televised violence and a spectacular arena come together to form the Death Race. Three-time speedway champion Jensen Ames is given an easy choice by Terminal Island's warden (Joan Allen): suit up or rot away in a cell.

### TAKEN (15)



An ex-soldier (Liam Neeson) travelling through Europe embarks on a frantic quest to rescue his daughter (Maggie Grace) after the young girl is abducted by slave traders in District B13 director Pierre Morel's contemporary thriller. Robert Mark Kamen joins the screenwriting team which also includes Morel and long-time collaborator Luc Besson, who also produces.

# This Bud's for Kevin

BY ELLIE GENOWER

HIS star may have fallen off the movie chart of late, but Kevin Costner still shines in many hearts and minds as the swash-buckling hero of Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves.

His most famous screen characters – the saviour of Whitney Houston in The Bodyguard or the frontier cowboy in epic Oscar-winner Dances With Wolves – are remembered fondly as all-out winners.

How times have changed. Yes, Kevin is still a movie star, although he may be a little less famous these days, but his newest role sees him portray a bona fide loser.

Now 53, Kevin plays beer-swilling Texan trailer-trash Bud Johnson in new comedy movie Swing Vote.

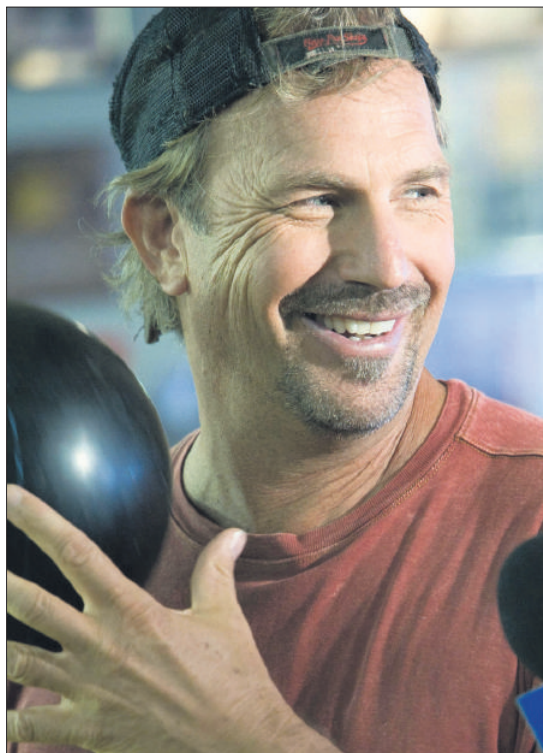
The film starts with Bud's 11-year-old daughter Molly accidentally setting off a chain of events which leads to the American presidential election coming down to just one vote – Bud's.

Unfortunately, he happens to be as apathetic as they come. Cue Kelsey Grammar's Republican President incumbent Andrew Boone and Democratic hopeful Donald Greenleaf (Dennis Hopper), doing everything they can to get Bud's vote and win the White House.

It sounds like a ridiculous set-up, but Kevin picked the role because he believes the film does have serious things to say.

"There's a lot of us in Bud," he explains. "I don't think people like Bud are just in the lower economic stratosphere. There's a lot of apathy in people."

"There's disenfranchisement in



HAVING A BALL: Kevin Costner as deadbeat dad Bud Johnson in Swing Vote

the single mom who just can't find time to vote because she's working too damn hard. People who don't vote aren't just people who don't have a lot, or who lack ambition. It's right across the board."

Of course, with the US presidential election coming up on November 4, the film could be seen as a timely reminder to Americans to get out and vote. But Kevin insists that's not the

case. "I hope it will stand up as a classic American comedy," he says.

Clearly a determined man, Kevin wasn't put off by a reluctance from some quarters to cough up the cash to put Swing Vote into production. He ended up producing and financing the movie himself.

His lack of fear, as he puts it, has seen the actor and director go it alone on many successful – and

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not so successful – productions.

He was not afraid to release epic movies such as the big budget Waterworld (1995) and The Postman (1997), which both flopped at the box office.

And while his movies were floundering in the late Nineties, his personal life was also disintegrating. He and Cindy, his wife of 16 years and mum to his three children, divorced in 1995.

He then found love again with German model Christine Baumgartner, whom he married in 2004. Their son, Cayden, is now 14 months old.

No longer a spring chicken, Kevin is all too aware of the pressures of ageing in Hollywood. But he maintains that he is more than comfortable in his own skin.

"I want to stay healthy because I still want to be attractive to my wife," he declares with a smile.

"My wife's a good partner. You've got to try for your partner. I expect her to try for me. I don't want to get lazy. I don't want to be embarrassed about how I carry myself or how I look."

"I want to be my age, but I'm going to be the best I can at my age."



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## YOUR TV REVIEW

**THE FAMILY**  
Channel 4, 9pm, Wednesday  
**DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES**  
Channel 4, 10pm, Wednesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

IF there's a clear lesson we can learn from the first two episodes of Channel 4's *The Family* – it's never have kids.

Or more to the point, never have daughters, because they grow up to be teenage girls. And that is what they call a rocky road.

Canterbury's Hughes family have allowed the cameras into their home for 100 days and 100 nights, for an all-access documentary.

Brave or foolhardy is something you'll have to decide, with the third episode airing tonight.

Driving dad Simon – a man for whom the term long-suffering could have been solely coined – slowly round the bend are teenage daughters Emily (at 19 the self-confessed 'wild child' of the family) and Charlotte (16, the clever one, who wants to leave school).

As the patriarch slowly goes crackers and takes mum, Jane, with him, we get to watch what goes on from inside the four walls.

As infuriating as this can be, it must be said that in between the rowing and the raised voices over bedroom messes the Hughes, for my money, come across pretty well.

The aim of the show is to present an accurate portrait of family life and it is certainly mission accomplished.

For every second that seems ghastly, there is another that can be touching.

And for each moment of tear your hair out frustration at a conversation going round in circles, there's a knowing smile that defuses a situation – we've all been there.



**POINTLESS:** Eva Longoria (above) and the cast of *Desperate Housewives* are slowly losing the plot

The poignancy of *The Family* is made all the more apparent by the increasingly naff *Desperate Housewives* which follows immediately after.

Teri Hatcher and her pals are continuing to plough the furrow of ridiculousness in a show which seems to be more a showcase for the actresses' plastic surgeons than it is for serial drama.

Quite what is going on now is anybody's guess and any semblance of cult buzz has long since up and left.

What's most surprising though is the sense that the makers still think this is in some way relevant, cutting-edge television when, really, it's looking as dated as its four lead actresses and hideously twee storylines.

Series one seemed to have a point, a storyline that gelled it altogether, but now it looks more like an ultra glossy soap opera for rehab patients dosed up on Prozac.

*Desperate* is a big understatement.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
A LOVING friend or caring business colleague knows just what to do to make you feel better. Lean on them during times of trial. Changing a large organisation's outlook or attitude may be easier than you think, thanks to your knowledge and experience.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
WHAT seems like a great job could have hidden strings attached. It may be necessary to make an investment in the company or get additional training at your own expense. Think carefully before taking this step. You may be better off with an organisation that requires less of you.  
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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
TAKE all the rumours you hear with a grain of salt this week. Always question a person's motives when they're serving up some juicy information. An intense colleague could show you how to channel your frustrations into work. Be willing to follow their suggestions.  
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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
CUTTING yourself off from the world won't give you the peace and quiet you seek. If you're going for true tranquillity you need to make amends with a relative or neighbour. Be first to extend the olive branch. The fact is that you are both guilty or being a little pig-headed.  
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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
DON'T be so generous with your time and money or someone will take advantage of you. There's nothing wrong with this, but when you start having to make economies for the sake of freeloaders, there is a problem. A spiritual inclination may prompt you to disregard material concerns.  
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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)  
A NEW hobby could be demanding too much of your time and relatives will start to resent this interest. Strive for more balance. A strong-willed friend can show you a better way of handling your personal affairs. Be prepared to hear some difficult home truths from this person.  
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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
JUST because you're making more money doesn't mean the supply is endless. Yes, it's fun to indulge your whims, but it shouldn't be at the cost of your long-term security. Never underestimate the bliss of early retirement. Imagine having the opportunity to travel the world.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
YOUR connection with a well-heeled group of people could be a drain on your money. Stop agreeing to visit to restaurants and expensive emporiums. The sooner you drop the façade of being independently wealthy, the faster friends will own up to their own financial situations.  
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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
DON'T expect too much from a friend, business partner or lover. Their capacity for giving is starting to wear thin. If you want to call upon someone's expertise, be prepared to pay for it. Model your behaviour after someone you have always admired.  
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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
AN upsurge of emotion could interfere with your career. You've got to fight to keep your personal and professional lives separate. A physical relationship will be a welcome distraction from all the stress. If your boss tries to give you more work, put your foot down.  
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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
IT won't be so easy to turn over a new leaf as you think. Certain emotional traits are deeply ingrained. If you really want to change you may need the help of a counsellor. This expert can get to the root of your trouble and teach you strategies for coping with stressful situations.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
A POSITION of importance isn't all it's cracked up to be. You may not have as much authority as you were promised. This makes it difficult for you to reach your objectives. Don't make another move until the problem is cleared up to your satisfaction or your reputation will suffer.  
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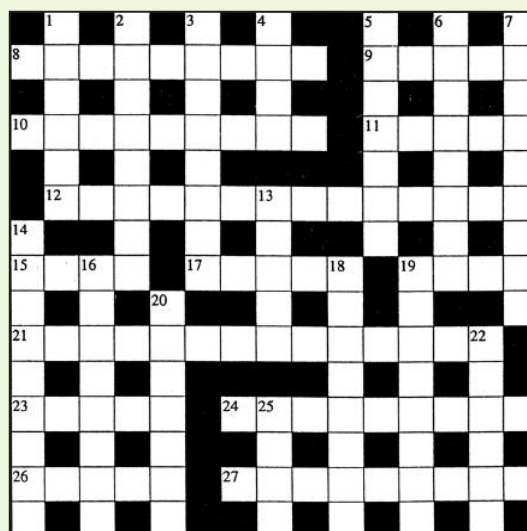
#### ACROSS

- 8 Go and explain about felling (9)  
9 Still time for contest (5)  
10 Barber's shop becoming expensive nightclub (4-5)  
11 Writer had some feedback, Old English (5)  
12 Introduce guests to those who are here (7,7)  
15 Carry most of pole (4)  
17 Cheat at cards? (5)  
19 Interminably eerie means of river control (4)  
21 What Dean is doing at the top of the page (7,7)  
23 Resentment during unending card-game (5)  
24 Finding dimensions of hat first is upsetting (9)  
26 In the middle I thought it was port (5)  
27 Workable type of joke? (9)

#### DOWN

- 1 Dorothy has little work serving (6)  
2 Place with bit of carefully planned action (3-5)  
3 Interpreter was on first page of book (8)  
4 Unknown priest fails to start (4)  
5 Furious woman baled me out (7)  
6 Roast with pastry perhaps or brawn (8)  
7 Ted's early development, portable balance (9)  
13 Shirt in raised position on leg (5)  
14 Heap of cattle kept in reserve? (9)  
16 From square, hurried with Queensland's openers and the Italian who was calm (8)  
18 Aptness about Pa's undoing bag (8)  
19 Humming sound to mislead prodigy (5-3)  
20 Chief in utter confusion in The Netherlands (7)  
22 Using some oxygen I always was cheerful (6)  
25 Insubstantial headless sprite (4)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 8 Long sweet root used in medicine (9)  
9 Italy (anag.) (5)  
10 Chief magistrate's office (9)  
11 Roll of tobacco (5)  
12 Sideboard (7,7)  
15 Peruvian Indian (4)  
17 Lover (5)  
19 Circle of light (4)  
21 Treat gently (6,4,4)  
23 Porto (anag.) (5)  
24 Lust or envy eg (6,3)  
26 Stocking material (5)  
27 Widened (9)

#### DOWN

- 1 Steal in transit (6)  
2 Hot drink (3,2,3)  
3 Gill (8)  
4 Rabbit's tail (4)  
5 Dummy pill (7)  
6 Eastern US state (8)  
7 A combining with water (9)  
13 Rain-clouds (5)  
14 Oppose (9)  
16 Kiss and cuddle (8)  
18 Snake (8)  
19 With a compact and powerful build (8)  
20 Slanting (7)  
22 Banished (6)  
25 Old Testament priest (4)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No55

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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No55

ACROSS: 1 Trial run 6 Whippy 9 Avouch  
10 Tutelage 11 Plan of action 13 Isaac 14  
Skintight 17 Gazetteer 19 Anglo 21 Jack-in-  
the-box 24 Kilogram 25 Obstet 26 Agency  
27 Dumbshow. DOWN: 2 Rive 3 Aquaplane  
4 Reheat 5 Network 6 Wet paint 7 Islet 8  
Pigeonhole 12 Escalating 15 Innoxious 16  
Stingray 18 Exhumed 20 Abloom 22  
Known 23 Oslo.

### QUICK SOLUTION No56

25 Ezra. Ophidian 19 Heavyset 20 Sloping 22 Exiled  
Nimble 14 Withstand 16 Canoodle 18  
Scot 5 Placebo 6 Virginia 7 Hydration 13  
Scout 24 Deadbeat 2 Cup of tea 3 Breathe 4  
Troop 24 Deadbeat 2 Cup of tea 3 Breathe 4  
Romeo 19 Halo 21 Handle with care 23  
11 Cigar 12 Kitchen cabinet 15 Inca 17  
ACROSS: 8 Liquorice 9 Laffy 10 Mayoralty

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## Going green in the Caribbean sun

BY PETER WOODMAN

**MOST** people go to Antigua to get brown, but now the islanders are keen for visitors to go green.

So environmentally conscious has the island become that a new eco-friendly hotel has opened: the Verandah Resort and Spa on Long Bay. Its neat, low-rise buildings are surrounded by 30 unspoilt acres on the east coast, overlooking a powder-soft, sandy beach.

It was 10 years since we had last visited Antigua and after our comfortable Virgin Atlantic flight we were eager to renew our acquaintance as we touched down at the small and quiet VC Bird International Airport.

As so often happens abroad, our taxi driver was more tour guide than cabbie. He was proud to point out a beautiful cricket ground that has been created within the airport complex.

Heading across the island, we passed the main Test ground too, named in honour of the island's most famous player, Sir Vivian Richards.

Because Antigua is a small island, with just 76,000 people, everyone seems to know everyone else. The taxi driver knows Sir Viv. Our waiter went to school with fast bowler Andy Roberts, another giant of West Indies cricket in its golden era.

Our first impression was that everything had smartened up since we were last here. What we remembered as run-down shacks



**ISLAND LIFE:** The sagging US dollar has brought paradise a little closer, helped by Antigua's Verandah Resort and Spa

had been given a good lick of paint and looked rather cosy as holiday boltholes. Roads in the Caribbean are never going to get you anywhere fast, but even so we managed to reach the Verandah within an hour of touching down.

The resort has been created on the quieter, eastern side of the island. The Atlantic side of Caribbean islands is always the less-developed and windier coast, with most of the luxury resorts on the west.

Although it is certainly breezy at Verandah, the resort lies on a tranquil bay and is largely screened from the windy Atlantic, with its 200 white-painted, cottage-style villas glinting in the sunshine.

They have private balconies with sea views, and every air-conditioned bedroom has a king-size bed.

The Verandah has made a commitment to meet the highest environmental standards and management are quick to point out its green credentials.

These include the rational use of energy and

water, the use of biodegradable cleaning materials, supporting a carbon offset programme and buying sustainable goods from local producers.

Although perfect for couples who can happily laze around the pools and relax on the largely deserted beaches, the Verandah pitches itself as a family resort.

If you don't want to be pampered in the spa, the options for sporting action include windsurfing, snorkelling, kayaking and tennis.

There is a children's club that includes an activity centre built from locally-sourced timber. Uninhabited islands such as Green Island and Bird Island can be reached in a few minutes, too.

This summer, prices are likely to be particularly attractive due to the sagging US dollar, which has such a critical influence on the Caribbean economy.

Check out the prices and you might be pleasantly surprised to find how cheaply you can go green at this time of year, on one of the most beautiful islands in the world.

### FACT FILE: ANTIGUA



Time difference	UK minus 5 hrs
Capital	St John's
Population	76,000
Language	English
Climate	Tropical
Religion	Christianity
Currency	East Caribbean dollar

#### Travel details

- Peter Woodman flew to Antigua as a guest of Virgin Atlantic Airways and stayed at The Verandah Resort & Spa ([www.verandahresortandspa.com](http://www.verandahresortandspa.com)), a member of Elite Island Resorts.
- Virgin Holidays offers seven nights all-inclusive at Verandah Resort & Spa from £1,199 during June, incl return flights ex-Gatwick and transfers.
- Prices based on two adults sharing during June, and for October-December 2008.
- A special offer, running until December 20, offers a room upgrade, with first child under-16 staying and eating for free.
- Virgin reservations: 0844 5573 859/[www.virgin-holidays.com](http://www.virgin-holidays.com).



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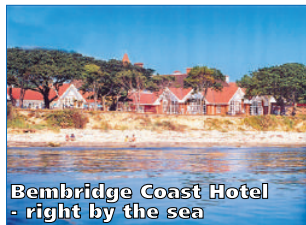
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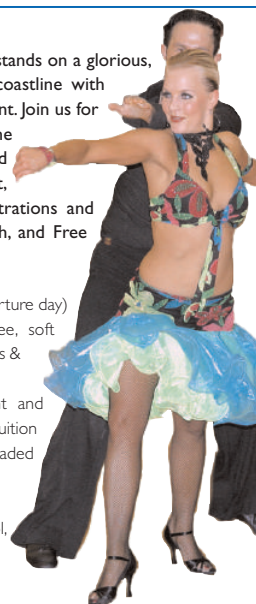
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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Hide Rover in the cupboard

HOME renovations could leave you out of pocket during the credit crunch, according to a survey.

Research carried out by Abbey found that previously profitable improvements, such as extensions and new kitchens, can leave you poorer in the current climate.

According to the study, the more laid out, the more lost, because the cost of the work will not be reflected in the sale price.

The average cost of an extension is £33,800, but it would add only about £13,500 to the property's price, according to the report.

Abbey recommends less expensive modifications to achieve the best price, including:

- Get the decorators in. The average cost of painting and decorating a home is £1,330, but the cosmetic improvement adds £3,557 to its value.
- Do it yourself. A study by Alliance and Leicester shows almost a third of homeowners are planning to save money by doing their own improvements.
- Clean is beautiful. Hire a steam cleaner to sort out carpets and upholstery.
- Maximise natural light. It is possible to shift difficult homes by removing net curtains.
- Get rid of clutter. Use eBay and Gumtree. Donate or swap stuff on freecycle.org. Charities such as the Salvation Army may also be able to pick up bulky items from your home.
- Hide the dog/children. Smelly pets and messy children can put buyers off.

### Haven amid the global turmoil

PROPERTY is a better and safer investment than stocks and shares in the global economic slump, according to portfolio managers from the Young Group.

Experts analysing the market said in the last 55 years UK house prices have had an annual fall in just five, whereas the FTSE 100 index has never reached the peak of December 1999 in the years since.

The firm also pointed out property cannot lose its entire value overnight, unlike shares.

"Property investment is a tangible asset and easy to comprehend," said a spokesman.

# Five golden rules can ensure you find the best mortgage deal

BY NICK AMES

**SWITCHING** to a better mortgage deal can save homeowners thousands of pounds and help ride out the economic downturn.

But be careful – arrangement fees can undermine the savings that can be made.

With the average arrangement fee now in excess of £1,000 it's crucial people compare the total cost and don't get sucked in by a low interest rate, according to consumer watchdog Which? Money.

A new survey found the interest rate was the main reason that one in four people who responded selected their current mortgage.

Experts say this approach can be misleading as hefty fees can increase the cost of a deal significantly.

Just one in five chose their mortgage because of the overall cost of the deal.

For the second year running, First Direct was rated best in the Which? Money mortgage lender satisfaction survey, with an overall customer satisfaction score of 90 per cent.

Which? Money's five golden rules for getting a good mortgage deal are:

- 1 Shop around. Don't choose a mortgage lender simply because you already bank with it.
- 2 Check the overall cost of the deal. Don't get sucked in by a low interest rate as it could have hefty fees attached.
- 3 Avoid paying the standard rate. Consider switching to avoid reverting to the standard variable rate when your deal ends.
- 4 Do your homework. Some of the best deals are not available through advisers, so do your own research as well.
- 5 Don't buy insurance from your lender. Most lenders aren't Which? Money Best Buy home insurers, so shop around to save money.



**WRITE IDEA:** Doing your research before signing on the dotted line can save hundreds in mortgage costs

Martyn Hocking, the editor of Which? Money, said: "The cost of mortgages has soared in the last couple of years, but a lot of the focus has been on what's happening with interest rates when in fact it's the total cost of the deal that's important.

"Arrangement fees are now more than £1,000 on average and sometimes much high-

er, which means that an eye-catching interest rate can be misleading.

"Whatever you do, don't take the lazy option of simply taking out a deal with your bank or staying on your lender's standard variable rate. If you shop around and do your homework, you could cut your mortgage costs by hundreds of pounds."

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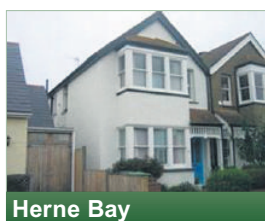
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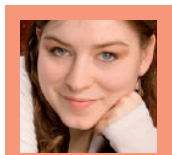
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**SLIM** lady, 31, shoulder-length dark hair, hazel eyes, loves having fun and meeting new people. Kari, the pub owner, please call and leave contact details. Box 433131 TXX

**PRETTY** black female, 31, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 437778 TXX

**IM FUN**, hard-working, kind, caring, 33, brown hair, brown eyes, nice smile, seeking down-to-earth and loving male to get to know and see what happens. Box 901072 TXX

**CARING**, loving, affectionate female, 32, 5'2, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 TXX

**SINGLE** mum of 2, 32, WLTm someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in and cinema. Ryan from Whitebait, please call again, leave contact details. Box 406670 TXX

**NICE**, fun-loving single mum, 32, 5'7", brown hair, like cinema, walks, WLTm caring male for friendship, maybe leading to LTR. East Sussex. Box 426416 TXX

**CURVY** brunette, 33, 5'4, single, slim, with a special man, divorced or separated, to share nice things in life with. Box 445255 TXX

**BUBBLY** genuine, honest, caring 30y old female, enjoys bowling, cinema, nights out, seeking like-minded male, looking for that special passionate and caring man to share good times with. Box 443256 TXX

**ATTRACTION**, 31, 5'7", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, witty intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308794 TXX

**BUBBLY** genuine, honest, caring 30y old male, 1'34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041 TXX

**ATTRACTION**, friendly female, 36, caring, considerate, outgoing, loves to travel and walks on beaches, seeks similar male for potential long term romance. Box 442392 TXX

**BRUNETTE** female, 35y old, single mum, enjoys socialising, DIY, romantic moments and family activities, WLTm a male with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Box 442393 TXX

**FUN-LOVING** single mum, 37, 5'8, loves going out, staying in and having fun, WLTm a male to be my knight in shining armour. Box 443290 TXX

**SINGLE** mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 909053 TXX

**LOVING** female, 36, 5'8, brown hair, green eyes, likes the gym, cooking, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428668 TXX

**CUTE**, single mum of 4, 38y old, Kent based, into most things, looking for a lovely man and hopefully more with. Tunbridge Wells. Box 444828 TXX

**BRIGHT** bubbly curvy female, 38, a teacher, loves reading, travelling, swimming, cooking, WLTm adventurous male to share life and hopefully more with. Tunbridge Wells. Box 444828 TXX

**NURSE**, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5'8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male. Box 431557 TXX

**LOVELY** single mum, 38, 5'8, blonde, slim build, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTm similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372889 TXX

**DEAL-BASED** lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430894 TXX

**HARD** working single mum, young 44y old, 5'8, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks, WLTm a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 444751 TXX

**BUBBLY** blonde, 44, stupid and like having a laugh, good company, friendship, would like to meet new friends for hopeful love... Box 889162 TXX

**SPIRITUAL**, 44y old female, enjoys walking, WLTm a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 444803 TXX

**HI** I'm 41, 5'8, 5'11, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 TXX

**COMPASSIONATE**, attractive female, 45, 5'8, big build, red hair, blue eyes, n's, enjoys good food, country pubs, cinema and weekends away, WLTm a similar male. Box 444743 TXX

**EASYGOING** female, 45, self-employed hairdresser, likes theatre, restaurants, socialising, solo coddles, seeking loyal, loving, caring male for good times and more. Box 444672 TXX

**YOUNG-LOOKING**, South African origin, tall female, 45, long dark hair, seeking caring male, for friendship and hopefully more. Box 444232 TXX

**HI** I'm 45, 5'8, largish build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, devoted Mum, seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and fun. Canterbury. Box 440592 TXX

**AFRICAN** descent female, 45, 5'6, full figure, radiant, happy, attractive, loves music, theatre, travel, the arts, WLTm gentleman who is cultured, kind, solvent and fun. Box 443968 TXX

**FUN** extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, 5'7, dark brown hair/eyes, caring, seeking nice guy to start off as friends. Box 442935 TXX

**44YR** old female, blonde hair, 5'15, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with. Box 436810 TXX

**HONEST** caring lady, 43, single mum, medium build, blue-green eyes, streaked blonde hair, likes swimming, reading, cooking, wine, dining, WLTm fun-loving male for love. Box 444211 TXX

**PROFESSIONAL** female, 43, enjoys dancing, walking, reading and cooking, WLTm an intelligent professional male, who can hold a good conversation, for a relationship. Box 444822 TXX

**HARD-WORKING** female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 441156 TXX

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**49YR** female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular winning, dining, love and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438954 TXX

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**CARING**, honest 49y old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead, likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTm male for fun and friendship. Box 895928 TXX

**SLIM**, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no lies, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking trust-worthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100 TXX

**HI**, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTm gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love. Box 440397 TXX

**CHEERFUL**, fun-loving, popular blonde 50yrs old, 5'12, slim build, looking to find an honest, loyal man that can make me happy again. Box 887347 TXX

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## MOTORS NEWS



### Italian stars join to light up Lipscomb Alfa night

KENT'S Lipscomb motor group fielded two top Italian stars for the opening of its new Alfa Romeo dealership in Maidstone on Thursday. And it was hard to decide the top billing: quick-quipping Italian star chef Aldo Zilli or the rare and seductive Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione supercar (pictured).

Nearly 200 people attended Lipscomb's state-of-the-art site at Forstal Lane, Aylesford, where Aldo cooked two mouth-watering dishes live served with perfect wine accompaniments – plus a diet of witticisms and banter. It is possible that Kent has never before seen such an entertaining car brand launch.



### Ultra-green Fiesta all set to be a best-seller

FORD'S latest Fiesta is about to hit Kent showrooms and will not only be another best-seller, but possibly one of the most influential cars seen for some time.

This sophisticated supermini arrives as the market embraces the drive to downsize and adopt more eco-friendly motoring – the ultra-green ECOnetic version (from £11,845) will average well over 70+mpg and emit a road tax exempt 98gm/km of CO<sub>2</sub>. Insurance ratings/costs and projected second-hand values across the line-up (from £8,695) are also much improved against current Fiestas.



### Range Rover's appeal is clear in Black & White

BARRETT'S Land Rover in Ashford has created a £50,490 Black & White 'launch edition' to highlight changes for the 2009 Range Rover Sport line-up (from £38,495).

Dealer principal Mark Nicholas said: "As the name suggests, the Black & White makes a real visual statement with its Alaska white paintwork and darkened privacy glass. It sits on 20-inch Shadow chrome alloy wheels and inside door inserts which have been specified with contrasting ivory stitching."



**A PURR-FECT EXAMPLE:** There are precious few director-level rivals to Jaguar's 2.7-litre V6 turbodiesel XJ which averages 35mpg and offers a luxurious, comfortable ride

# A big answer to the big ask: should I downsize?

THOUGH Jaguar became famous for pace-setting technology as much as power, it was pretty ponderous during the Nineties and early Noughties.

But it did get one thing right, for the latest XJ might look rooted in a heritage from the original 1960s XJ6 Series 1, but its lightweight aluminium body and advanced 2.7-litre diesel option have suddenly made it the right car for the right time – one when even the well heeled need to mind the pennies and their eco manners.

Okay, Jaguar's timing came off late on in the current XJ's career, but the big Jag remains a class act – and one that could stave off pressure to downsize.

Fact is that there are precious few director-level rivals to challenge our 2.7-litre V6 turbodiesel version's average 35mpg.

And while Jaguar's adherence to traditional style – a bad habit broken by the dashing new mid-range XF – has cost sales of late, a return to quality, reliability and durability is much welcomed.

## ROAD TEST JAGUAR XJ

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

The leather, walnut and deep carpet looks and feels top-notch and the seats are comfortable with full electric adjustment as standard on the front pair – specification is generous across the range.

It really is a car that imparts a feel-good factor and, with decent fuel consumption, keeps you at peace with your conscience even if diesel versions start at £45,500 – some £2,000 more than the 3.0-litre petrol entry model.

Our car was also the stretched 'L' or limo diesel version in upmarket Sovereign trim, which costs £53,300 and makes you feel as though you should dawdle and revel in its luxury, style and sumptuous ride.

Nevertheless, the XJ upholds the finest tradition of Jaguar sporting saloons: it will purr when treated gently and growl when kicked and that 2.7-litre diesel sounds like a petrol unit in either mood.

A lighter body and quick steering make this large car deceptively quick on its feet on a winding road too, with the 'J-Gate' gearbox selector allowing manual selection of the six gears, though you soon get used to leaving it in well-organised fully 'auto'.

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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### COMPACT EXECUTIVE SALOONS

GERMAN marques dominate the compact executive saloon market – BMW's 3-Series is a top-ten seller in the UK. But there are good desirable and affordable alternatives for used car buyers seeking a little extra class and comfort without 'going German'. Opt for models that have the most extra goodies on them, because the premium you pay for these will be far less than the original private or company buyer had paid; you could get sat nav and leather, for instance, for a few hundred pounds rather than several thousand.

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#### LEXUS IS200



TOYOTA'S luxury arm used the BMW 3-Series as a benchmark for its first compact exec and hit the mark for style, value and driver appeal – there was even an estate, but sales were hamstrung by the lack of a diesel until the Mk II arrived in 2005. The original IS200 was also underpowered yet juicy, while the rarer IS300 had the grunt, but was even thirstier. However, the IS-Series makes a great used buy with lots of kit and presence.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### JAGUAR X-TYPE



THIS brave attempt to attack dominant German models was affected by taunts that it was a re-worked Ford Mondeo. But this is naive and silly when the X-Type handles so well in both front and four-wheel drive formats. It is also affordable and has built a reputation for reliability, comfort and driver appeal. There is even an estate that is attractive and practical though it does command a premium second-hand. Best of all, there are two quality diesel options.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### SAAB 9-3



THERE is a lot of Vauxhall underneath the Saab, but there is nothing wrong with that in terms of reliability and durability, especially when clothed by a low slung sleeky body that deserves the 9-3's 'Sport Saloon' tag. Where the Swede scores on the used market is through sporty yet frugal diesel options, faltering prices for older examples and greater availability of the rakish Sportwagon estate that arrived in 2005 to make up for the lack of a hatchback model.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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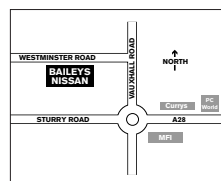
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**AUDI**

**A2**, SE 5dr, gk02 oec, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, electric front windows, electric mirrors, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, traction control, abs, power steering, alloy wheels, blue, 58000 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**A4**, 1.9 TDI SE 5dr, 123101127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, cruise control, electric front windows, electric windows, rear wash/wipe, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, silver, 32023 miles, £11999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, £5495, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

**BMW**

**5 SERIES**, 520 i auto, 1g524kk, remote alarm, remote central locking, centre armrest, 85000 miles, £7995, DW Leisure Mercedes Benz Specialist, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

**CHEVROLET**

**CAPTIVA**, LTZ 2.0, gk08ow, finished in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, S 1.2, g157gpx, finished in sports blue with black interior, blue, 1000 miles, £6295, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**CITROEN**

**CITROEN** berlingo 800, 04 2005, 1.6d lx sold with rac warranty side door white pas 43,000 miles fsh lined, £4350, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**CITROEN** berlingo 800, 02 2005, 1.9 d lx sold with rac warranty side door white elec window white 49,000 miles fsh bulkhead lined, £4600, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, Multispace Desire 1.6 16v Man, head restraints, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, abs, child locks, twin air bags, electric front windows, radio cassette, steering wheel audio controls, red, 20000 miles, £4999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, Multispace Forte D, ek55 vge, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, power steering, adjustable steering column, electric front windows, radio cassette, twin air bags, abs, cloth upholstery, silver, 28100 miles, £5695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, LX 600 D Enterprise (LEZ COMP), fm06trx, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, steering wheel audio controls, ply-lined, tel, 01795 430295, white, 18000 miles, £4295, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**XSARA PICASSO**, 52 2002, remote central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, twin airbags, air conditioning, cd radio system, stereo controls on steering wheel, 5 speed gearbox, rear picnic table, three adjustable rear seats, citreon shopping trolley basket, parcel shelf, front fog lamps, one owner, service history, metallic light purple, miles, £5995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

**DAEWOO**

**DAEWOO** nubira 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**TACUMA**, CDX 1998cc 5 door, 2002, abs brakes air con alloys immobiliser, met blue, 85000 miles, £2495, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

**DAIHATSU**

**COPEN**, Activetop 1.3, 08/2008, red leather interior pas a/con electric windows rear wind deflector front fog lights sports seats, grey met, delivery miles miles, £12370, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**MATERIA**, 08/2008, alloy wheels twin exhaust tinted glass a/con remote reverse park sensors & much more!!!, dark red mica, delivery miles miles, £11,495, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**SIRION**, 1.0 S Hatchback 5dr, 08/2008, abs pas remote c/locking radio/cd player electric windows a/con, silver met, 500 miles, £8045, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**SIRION**, SE 5dr, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, pas, electric front windows, aluminium silver, 14000 miles, £3695, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**TERIOS**, 1.5 SX Station Wagon 5dr, 2008, 16" alloys radio/cd player a/con, remote c/locking pas abs, metallic blue, delivery miles miles, £14,195, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**TERIOS**, 1.3 Sport Station Wagon 5d 1298cc, 05 2005, remote central locking, a.b.s, electric windows, electric mirrors, power assisted steering, twin srs airbags, cd radio system, air conditioning, 5 speed gearbox, £5795, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

**FIAT**

**FIAT DUCATO 14 2.8 JTD**, 02 2002, 14 seats minibus rolhli tri axle 40,000 miles sold with rac warranty tailift air suspension ex council ideal camper conversion, £6995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**FORD**

**FORD CONNCT T220**, 12 2004, 1.8 tddi 75 ps swh white ply lined 80,000 miles fsh sold with rac warranty, £3850, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.8 2etec, 1998, central locking front electric windows drivers airbag power steering immobiliser alloy wheels, moonstid silver, £1000 miles, £2000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.6 Ghia Auto, 2002, electric windows remote central locking central locking air conditioning power steering drivers airbag alloy wheels immobiliser, pepper red, 66000 miles, £4000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**MONDEO**, 1.8 LX 5dr, 06/09/2006, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser alloy wheels, silver, 24607 miles, £6900, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**HONDA**

**ACCORD**, I-VTEC SE Executive Auto, 6184079, rear headrests, full leather, remote central locking, alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric seats, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, air conditioning, climate control, twin air bags, cruise control, electric sunroof, colour satin, alloy wheels, silver, 47400 miles, £4995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**ACCORD**, Type-V 6186079, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, electric seats, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, electric mirrors, electric windows, radio cassette, twin air bags, electric sunroof, abs, power steering, alloy wheels, green, 54600 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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**GETZ**, 1.3 Gsi 5dr Auto, 1337649, hyundai getz 1.3 gsi 5dr auto £5, 695.00, body style hatchback, there are a variety of warranty options which our sales team will be happy to explain to you. silver, £5695, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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**RODEO**, Denver Max TD Pu 4x4 Dcb, alarm, locking wheel nuts, remote central locking, PAS, satellite navigation, electric windows, air con, cd player, 3-person rear seat, full leather, 18" alloys, 4x4, aluminium silver, 15820 miles, £12500, Van Zone Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446528 (TRADE)

**KIA**

**MAGENTIS**, Le 16v, eo54yov, anti-theft system, immobiliser, rear headrests, rear armrest, height adjustable seat, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, black, 25000 miles, £4995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**LAND ROVER**

**DEFENDER**, 90 TD5 County Station Wagon, air con, abs, traction control, remote alarm, power steering, rear wash/wipe, side steps, sunroof, cd player, alloy wheels, 4x4, high specification vehicle, road tax on this vehicle is £210 per year. metallic blue, 41000 miles, £12495, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

**LEXUS**

**GS300**, GS 300 SE, 503461, remote alarm, central locking, full leather, electric seats, air bag, abs, PAS, colour coded body, met paintwork, cd player, climate control, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, blue, 130000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**MAZDA**

**323**, GT 5dr, v674ndu, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, stereo, 15" alloys, aluminium silver, 87000 miles, £2599, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**B-CLASS**, 1.5 B150 SE Hatchback 5d 1498cc, 06, 17" 7-spoke alloys, sport pack, climate, cd, fsh, please view our website to see our full stock, more in 150 in stock, cosmos black, with black half leather, under 18,000 miles, £12995, Vikings Canterbury, Canterbury, 01227 711112 (TRADE)

**E-CLASS**, 2.1TD E220 CDI Elegance Saloon 4d 2148cc auto, 54, climate, cd changer, twin spoke alloys, our demo, please view our website to view our full stock, more e220cdi saloon in stock, cubanite silver with black leather, under 49,000 miles, £16995, Vikings Canterbury, Canterbury, 01227 711112 (TRADE)

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**CI-CAR**, 5dr Auto, 58, 20 miles, £3999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**L200**, Warrior Leather D/Cab, gk07ybv, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, computer, electric mirrors, electric windows, leather upholstery, immobiliser, power assisted steering, remote locking, traction control, black, 12800 miles, £13994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**NISSAN**

**ALMERA**, S 5dr Auto, ef04 gfr, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, remote alarm, electric front windows, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, cd player, radio, abs, twin air bags, power steering, blue/silver, 46000 miles, £3695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**PEUGEOT**

**BOXER 350**, 06 2005, 2.8hdi sold with rac warranty 32 mpg lx lwb hi top fwd elec pack white 55,000 miles fsh, £3995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**RENAULT**

**KANGOO SL17**, 09 2006, 1.5 dci 70 blue 35,000 miles fsh lined mpg 52 sold with manufacturers warranty, £3995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**LAGUNA**, 1.8 16v Dynamique Hatchback 5d 1783cc (2001), x, alloy wheels central locking, sunroof, red, miles, £2999.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

**MEGANE**, OASIS 1.4, 2005, trim: cloth engine size: 1400 transmission: manual no. of doors: 1, blue, 21025 miles, £6995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**ROVER**

**200**, 216 CABRIOLET, 1997, grey, 9 miles, £1295, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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##### Sexual Health Outreach Health Care Assistant

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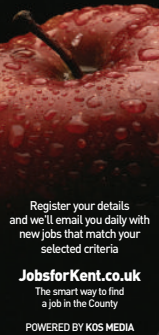
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Disputes on the rise as cash gets tighter

BOSSES and firms are getting frayed at the edges as the stress of the downturn takes its toll, with experts reporting that contract disputes are rising.

Businesses are taking more care over verifying terms of contracts with customers and suppliers, and business partners are increasingly locking horns, warns the Law Society.

President Paul Marsh said: "Our members tell us companies are exercising caution with contracts as they tighten their belts. Disputes tend to arise over what is a fair or unfair contract term."

"In the current climate many contracts will be under the microscope. Many solicitors, as well as being skilled litigators, are trained in alternative dispute resolution methods, such as mediation."

### Lunch boosts hospice

AN all-female Kent business networking lunch – run by local accountancy firm Horwath Clark Whitehill, in conjunction with Ansacom, Clydesdale Bank and Brachers – raised £400 for the Heart of Kent Hospice, near Maidstone.

Professionally Pink is an event just for women from local businesses, and guests at a recent lunch heard from speaker Caroline Brinkman, corporate fundraiser from the hospice.

Event organiser Emily Rushton, of Horwath Clark Whitehill, said: "It was great to be able to make a donation towards their important work."

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### Seminar opportunity

CALLING all Kent businesses wanting to reach Britain's largest single customer:

Yes, it's the Government, which spends £125 billion a year on goods and services.

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Partnership for Profit Improvement and the West Kent Partnership, is presenting a public sector business opportunities seminar called A Route to Market.

It will be on October 22 at Kings Hill Conference and Training Centre, University of Greenwich, West Malling, from 9am until 1pm. Cost is £29.79 plus VAT. Book online at [www.kentinvtachamber.co.uk](http://www.kentinvtachamber.co.uk), phone 01233 503838, or email [rachel@kentinvtachamber.co.uk](mailto:rachel@kentinvtachamber.co.uk).

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# Is the writing finally on the wall for late paying giants?



**TAKING ON GOLIATH:** Many small firms have been driven to distraction – and sometimes the wall – by bigger businesses, but the fightback could now be under way

■ BY TONY PATEY

BIG firms have always been notorious for being slow in paying bills to suppliers, denting crucial cash-flow and sometimes putting them out of business.

But now the Davids are beginning to stand up to the Goliaths.

Alliance Boots, the pharmaceuticals giant which was publicly criticised by the Forum of Private Business (FPB), has backtracked on plans to force one of its suppliers to accept an extended payment period of up to 105 days, along with an additional charge.

The FPB, which has many members in Kent, is concerned that some public sector organisations, such as the NHS, are also failing to pay on time, so is calling on government agencies to pay smaller firms promptly in order to set an example for companies such as Alliance Boots.

Justine and Martin Thompson, of training

firm MTa International of Yorkshire, refused to bow to the firm's demands, which included charging suppliers a 2.5 per cent 'settlement discount' for paying them within the extended period.

But the FPB believes most of the 22 companies on the 'shame list' – which includes Alliance Boots – will not take smaller firms' payment issues seriously until the Government takes a lead.

FPB's adviser on late payments, Stuart Blake, said: "Alliance Boots' attempt to vary payment provisions is likely to fall foul of section 14 of the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act."

"It is also clear that the Government introduced this legislation in order to gain headlines, without any intention of being bound by it. One example of this was clearly shown in

the way that the Department for Food, the Environment and Rural Affairs (Defra) intimidated its creditors who were involved in the clear-up operation after the foot-and-mouth disease crisis of 2002.

"A large number of companies went out of business as a result and many had to settle for 50 per cent of what they were owed, or less."

In 1998, after 15 years of campaigning, the FPB won a right for small firms to charge interest against late-payers via the late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act.

The FPB is investigating claims that small firms are not taking legal action against late-payers because they fear future business dealings could be jeopardised.

Research by BACS payment services found that late payment cost the UK's economy £18.6 million over the 12-month duration of the survey.

On average, according to BACS, small firms were owed £30,000 at any one time.



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**PURPLE PATCH:** City put six past one of the division's title favourites as they continued their impressive start

# Sparkling City revel in joy of six

## FOOTBALL

### Canterbury City 6 AFC Sheppey 1

CANTERBURY City emphatically fuelled hopes of back-to-back promotions after thumping one of their title rivals to move five points clear at the top of the table.

Scott Lawford scored a hat-trick and Sam Baker, Harry Gower and Wayne Fittall all got on the score sheet as City kept their 100 per cent record intact.

Despite only playing against ten men for 76 minutes, it was a dazzling display which delighted City boss Dave Fairclough.

He said: "Beating Sheppey by such a big margin gives us a tremendous boost because they are among the clubs expected to be going for promotion this season."

Three successive victories had seen

Fairclough's side get their County League Division One East campaign off to a great start, but Sheppey, who narrowly missed out on promotion last term, were likely to provide a sterner examination of City's championship credentials.

Sheppey also came into the game with a perfect early-season record but their task was made more difficult when they had a

man sent off for dissent inside the opening 15 minutes. The visitors had Paul Woodford to thank as they went in level at the break, with the goalkeeper making several excellent saves to repel the hosts. Lawford gave City the lead but a defensive mix-up allowed Sheppey to make it 1-1 at half-time.

The second half belonged to Fairclough's side as they ran in five goals without reply. Lawford converted Gower's cross to edge them in front before Baker's powerful free-kick put the result beyond doubt.

The lively Gower made it 4-1, before Lawford grabbed his third and Fittall scored his first of the season. City visit Oakwood this Saturday.

## Delighted Deer has plenty in reserve

HERNE Bay reserves came from behind to beat VCD Athletic 3-1 in Kent League Division 2.

The Bay made a poor start and went 1-0 down, but drew level moments before the interval through Joe Nelder.

Stephen Baines put the home side in front after the restart and Nelder's second made it 3-1.

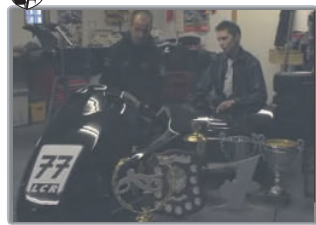
"I am very proud of the boys for not giving up," manager Anthony Deer told the club's website. "Their first team chances are surely just around the corner."

Whitstable reserves drew 1-1 at struggling Sevenoaks in Division 1.

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## City club start the season in style

TWO goals in three second-half minutes gave Canterbury victory in their first hockey fixture of the Conference East season, away to City of Peterborough.

They fell behind to a 35th-minute effort by Danny Needham, but turned the game on its head in the second period. Matt Harper equalised from open play after 42 minutes and Ben Hare hit the winner three minutes later.

Canterbury Ladies were held to a goalless draw by Leicester in the Premier Division. The women travel to Trojans on Sunday, while the men host Old Loughtonians at Polo Farm on Saturday, from 1pm.

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# Key finds little solace in season of what ifs

## CRICKET

BY FRED ATKINS

ROB Key attempted to treat triumph and disaster in a manner Rudyard Kipling would have endorsed after Kent's relegation, but there was no concealing his sense of professional hurt.

"You want to be the best team in the country at four-day cricket and that's now out of the equation for next season," the Kent skipper said. Obviously being in Division 2 is going to be something new for us and we've got to get out of that before we can even think about being the best again."

Key will have to spend the next six months picking over the bones of a campaign that threatened to be one of the most successful in domestic history and instead ended in universal disappointment.

Key could conceivably have been England's captain by now. His name was mentioned after Michael Vaughan's resignation and at the time he led a side fighting on all four fronts.

With a little nudge from the cricketing gods Kent could have won both domestic one-day finals, the county championship and Division 2 of the Pro40 league.

Instead the county are contemplating life in the bottom rung of the County Championship for the first time, without the consolation of a trophy to tide them over the winter.

"It was pretty tough," Key admitted after losing to Durham. "But that's the thing about cricket. We pretty much knew what our fate was going to be after the first day and against such a strong side it was always going to be tough."

"By the time it hits you you're at least prepared for it. The trouble is, you've got to wait six months to put it right."

If Saturday's defeat wasn't enough for Key, he also had to stomach the news he'd been fined £1,250 by the ECB for likening their pitch inspectors to the cast of the Muppet Show, following Kent's game with Durham at Chester-le-Street in August.

He issued an unreserved apology, though many Kent supporters, with memories of the point deduction in 2005 still ranking, agreed with his initial remarks, given the fact that Durham escaped similar censure. Key at least



Picture ADY KERRY

**DISASTER:** Rob Key cannot believe how a season that promised so much ended with relegation on the final day

managed a joke when asked if he had any hopes of a Champions League reprieve: "Maybe they'll feel sorry for us."

"I was just getting a bit sick of the whole 'will they, won't they' saga. [An appeal] is something we'll maybe have a look at, but it's such a mine-

field. A lot of players signed up for the Indian Cricket League not realising what they were getting themselves into. They just thought they were going to make a bit of money playing cricket, without realising they were going to be treated this way."



# Town chairman gives Seager his backing

## FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

### Whitstable Town 0 Leatherhead 1

"CRISIS? What crisis?" was Whitstable Town chairman Tony Rouse's verdict despite the side remaining rooted to the foot of the Ryman South table after Saturday's defeat to Leatherhead.

The Oystermen, who surpassed expectations with 14th place on their Ryman League debut last season, have struggled so far this campaign. A solitary goal from Jason Henry in the first half at the Belmont condemned Town to their sixth defeat in seven games.

Pre-season talk at the club focused on pushing on for a top half finish, but with almost a quarter of the league season gone, a battle against relegation to the Kent League looks more likely.

Despite their precarious position, Rouse backed manager Marc Seager to turn the team's form around.

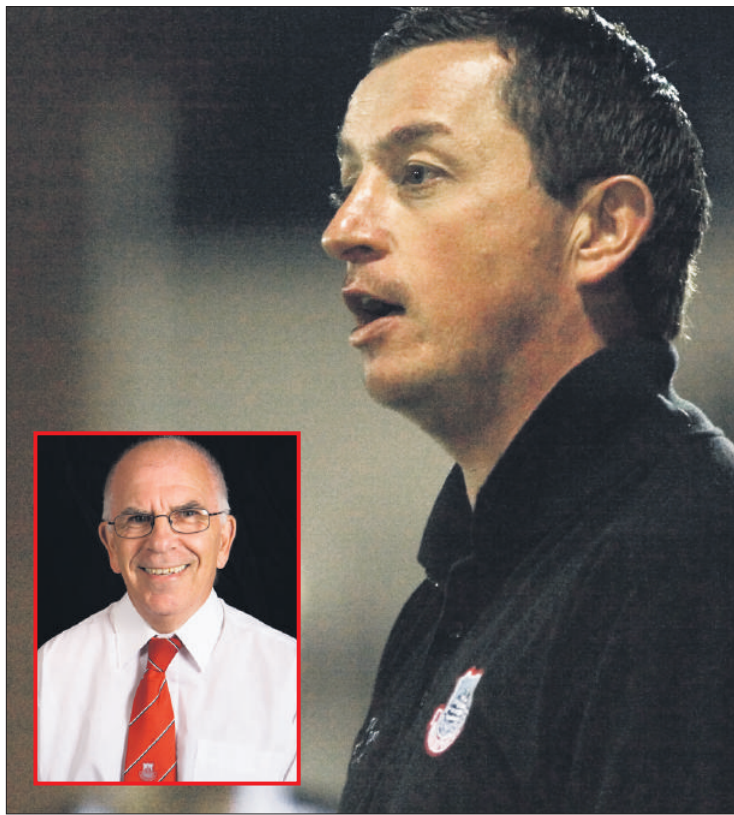
He told Yourcanterbury: "No one at the club can possibly be happy with the situation we find ourselves in. Bottom of the table after nine games – neither the manager, myself, the committee nor the supporters are pleased to see that. But we are determined to be a Ryman League club next year."

"We are all behind Marc and feel he is the right man for the job. Sure, he's going to make mistakes because he is a young manager – it's only his third season.

"I don't want to put a timescale on this because I don't want to put Marc under any more pressure. We are fully behind the manager and the team – it's business as usual."

The slump is a rare bleak spell for Seager, who has enjoyed success in his short managerial career. Under his guidance the Oystermen romped to the Kent League title in 2006/07 and also won the Kent Senior Trophy.

Last season's mid-table finish was the high-



SUPPORT: Whitstable Town chairman Tony Rouse (inset) is backing manager Marc Seager to lift the club out of trouble

est in the club's history, but Rouse believes they could be suffering from 'second season syndrome', where sides are relegated after an excellent first season in a division.

He said: "I think so. Marc said to me the last thing he wants is for us to be another Horsham YMCA, who did very well in the Ryman League but were relegated in their

second season. We don't want that and we will do our utmost to make sure it doesn't happen."

The Oystermen had a chance to haul themselves off the foot of the table last night as they visited Corinthian Casuals, who were one place and one point better off before kick-off. Log on to [www.yourcanterbury.co.uk](http://www.yourcanterbury.co.uk) for the match report.



WELL TAKEN: Simon Brown netted Bay's equaliser

## FOOTBALL

### Slade Green 3 Herne Bay 1

## Decisions cost Bay as form takes a dip

HERNE Bay chairman John Bathurst was stupefied by the manner of his side's Kent League Premier Division defeat at Slade Green, pinning the loss on two crucial first-half refereeing decisions.

"In fairness, we didn't play well," Bathurst told Yourcanterbury. "But the referee's in charge, he made the decisions, he got it wrong and it's just killed us."

"I decided not to write my report for our website because I was so annoyed. I thought I'd better cool off for 24 hours."

Slade Green took the lead after just 30 seconds with a farcical goal. No Bay player touched the ball until keeper Dan Eason dropped it onto the back of Sam May's head and watched it rebound into the net.

Bay struck back after a quarter of an hour, when Stuart King played in Simon Brown, who chipped the ball over the goalkeeper, who he then clattered into.

At that point Bay looked a good bet to win the game, but on the half hour a contentious free-kick turned the tide. Two players went for the ball, both hit the deck and a free-kick was awarded to Slade Green.

The resulting cross was headed wide, but a botched attempt at a clearance saw the ball fall to May, who gobbled up his second.

Five minutes later, Bay were livid when Steve Hanson was ruled to have brought down a Green player in the box.

May converted the spot-kick to give Green a 3-1 lead and Bay were unable to make any headway during an increasingly fractious second half, which saw four of their players booked.

Bathurst says Herne Bay have video evidence that exonerates Hanson. "But he didn't send him off or book him, so we can't appeal. We've just got to live with it," he said.

Aaron Firth has rejoined the club on loan from Ramsgate, but will be suspended for Saturday's trip to Deal.

# Canterbury hang on for vital home win

## RUGBY

### Canterbury 19 Lydney 16

A MISSED penalty eight minutes into injury time handed Canterbury a win over West Country opposition on Saturday, after a fluctuating National 3 South game.

The previously dead-eyed fly half Mark Davies had successfully kicked every other attempt at goal, barring one failed drop, but his final attempt, from 40 metres, fell short and wide of the posts, allowing Canterbury's Gert De Kock to gleefully boot the ball into touch to end the game.

Lydney had all the early pressure and they took a second minute lead when Davies kicked a penalty from 50 metres out. He then produced a brilliant cross-field kick to set up the unmarked Charlie Vine for a try and added the conversion to give the visitors a 10-0 lead after just ten minutes.

Canterbury hit back when Carlton Littlechild sprinted onto a Doug Marshall kick. He found De Kock, via Matt Pinnock and Michael Melford touched down to halve the deficit. De Kock converted, but a collective groan went round the ground when Christopher Hinkins knocked on just five metres from the line.

With half an hour gone Pat Sykes scored on the right and De Kock landed a difficult conversion to make it 14-10, but just before the break Davies drilled a penalty from 40 metres to cut the home side's lead to a point.

The second half failed to match the first for quality, but a wonderful try from Reza Amiri-Garroussi after five minutes gave the home side some breathing space.

Davies again struck with 56 minutes on the clock but the game seemed to run out of steam until injury-time when Davies' magic touch finally deserted him.



THRILLER: Pat Sykes (with ball, centre) scored one of Canterbury's two tries

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